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The paper suggests that the Government might abandon the present Price Commission to introduce a more selective approach by giving new powers to an independent agency that would examine prices according to other criteria.

"This would be an advance it gave the new agency or the prices secretary special powers to freeze profits and make investigations in cases where excessive profits were being earned even though prices were constant." That issue is being taken up between the TUC and Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection.

But the key point states: The general council advise the Chancellor to break down his measures of mx relief. He should reduce income tax by £1,700m for 1977-78."

On pensions, the TUC expects the Government to announce an early increase—
"end since the National Insurance Fund is substantially in surplus no extra contributions should be required to meet this expenditure. The TUC suggests an early increase in pensions of £4 a week for married couples and £2.50 for a single

In further recommendations, the TUC proposes £1,000m a year for the operation of the National Enterprise Board.

The paper estimates that investment by the Government in the control of the control of

in manpower, taxation and social policy measures will cost about £2,000m in 1977-78. But the effect on the public sector-borrowing requirement would be less in the short run.

"In framing these Budget proposals the general council are conscious that they are urging an expansion to the public sector borrowing requirement and that this may conflict with the letter of intent (to the International Monetary Fund). "On the other hand two points have to be borne in mind.

t adds: "The First, the actual outturn for the public service borrowing requirement this year is likely to be substantially less than originally thought—at least of the order of f1 billion. "It would therefore be pos-

sible to increase expenditure or reduce taxation by this amount without going outside the strict terms of the letter of intent."

Salisbury, Feb 8.—Security forces hunting the killers of seven white missionaries said

No casualties were reported in the attack on Nyashanu mis-sion in south-east Rhodesia

where, a statement said, guer-rillas took f4,000 in cash and set fire to an office and work-

a spokesman for the Anglican



Jubilee steward: Mr Kenneth "Nobby" Clarke, the air steward who served the Queen 25 years ago when she flew home from Kenya after the death of King George VI, is to look after her again when she leaves Heathrow tonight with the Duke of

Edinburgh for Pago Pago, in Eastern Samoa, With Mr Clarke in the photograph are the three British Airways stewardesses on the flight (left to right): Mrs Mary Diana Mindel, Miss Suzanne Dart and Miss Catherine Conroy. Report, page 8.

President Carter speaks his mind on human rights in Soviet Union

From Fred Emery Washington, Feb 8

·President Carter disclosed today that he had told Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet leader, he would continue speaking out "strongly and forcefully" on threats he saw to human rights in the Soviet Union, as anywhere else, rejecting the con-cept that such public expostula-tion might jeopardize détente and agreements on such mat-ters as limiting nuclear

In his first televised news conference. Mr Carter said he regretted very deeply the "incarceration" of Mr Alexander Ginsburg, the Soviet dissident, and renewed his offer to conclude "a crick arrests." clude "a quick agreement " on nuclear weapons with the Soviet Union.

By implication he counter-manded Mr Vance, his Secretary of State, in saying the agreement could omit until later the controversial Soviet "Backfire

bomber", and the American
"cruise" missiles.

Mr Carter said he thought it
important to demonstrate to the
rest of the world that both superpowers were sincere in try-ing to lessen their dependence

on nuclear weapons. Mr Carter went out of his way not to chastise the Soviet Union. He did not interpret recent complaints, or the reciprocal expulsions of journalists, as a challenge. "I do not think it is designed to aggravate me, or to test me, or to test the will of the country", he said. He wanted the American copie not to be misled into

thinking there were magic answers. "I cannot go in with armed forces to try to change the internal mechanisms of the Soviet Government." He detected progress, however, in the Soviet Union. The

number of Soviet Jewish emi-grants had increased in the past On the question of the nu-

or we could destroy a major part of the other nation if a major attack was made, with losses in the neighbourhood of 50 to 100 million people . . . a threat of this kind of holocaust is what makes it important that

we do keep an adequate deter-ent capability", he said. The main emphasis, however was on disarmament. The overall balance of mutual restraint, cutting down on overall dependence on nuclear weapons is what counts" he

With Soviet-American success in stemming the growth of weapons, the two superpowers could then go to the Chinese, French and British and say "Will you join us?", he added.

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From David Cross

Luxembourg, Feb 8

The overriding need to combat inflation in the European Community m: le it virtually inevitable that farm price rises would have to be kept to a minimum in the spring, Mr Roy Jenkins, President of the European Commission said today.

vision team for six months for illegal entry and illegal pos-session of a firearm, the

documents when they crossed into Botswana last weekend to

cover attempts by black Rhodesian parents to persuade

"Consumers rightly insist that our policies for agriculture must be consistent with our other economic objectives", he said. "I have no doubt that the Public sector challenge, page 2 prudent course will be one of Moves against pay curbs, page 4 price moderation."

Second mission attacked

seven white missionales said session or a firearm. The today that nationalist guerrillas had attacked another mission, setting buildings on fire. Church officials said a guerrilla bomb threat had also forced a mission school for 300 girls in another part of Rhodesia to close.

session or a firearm. The carried altered to have carried a rifle in their car and to have had no proper entry documents when they crossed into Botswana last weekend to

and girls' school closed

Mr Jenkins, who was present-ing the Commission's annual state of the Community message to members of the European Parliament, was predictably pragmatic in his assessment for the future.

Equally predictably, his 54minute statement concentrated mainly on the urgent need for the Community to increase its internal strength and coher-

On the economic front, the Community faced three "for-midable and interlocking" obstacles: the stubborn persistence of high unemployment,

high rates of inflation and the widening gap between the economic performances and real

standards of living of the Nine.

The road to greater economic integration must be pursued through the further development of the existing system of national policy coordination and by selective integration of by selective intervention of Community resources like the regional and social funds. But the scale and type of resources available from the various funds were insufficient in themselves to tackle fully the problem of economic divergence.

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'Frankenstein' project given go-ahead in US

From Peter Strafford New York, Feb 8

The scientists at Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology won a victory in Cambridge, Massachusetts, last night when the city council voted unanimously to allow them to carry out advanced genetic experiments in the field of what is termed recombinant DNA research. This means that molecules of

400 children to return home rather than enlist with the the genetic material DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) from different species are combined and transplanted into living cells. Traits and capabilities of Quoting Botswana court officials in Francistown, the corporation said the three men, set fire to an office and workshop yesterday.

The school closed after a
bomb threat at Bonda, only 18
miles from the Mozambique
frontier. "I understand that a
letter was received over the
weekend in which terrorists
threatened to bomb the school",

The men's wives have asked The men's wives have asked

one species, such as humans, could be transferred to other forms of life, such as bacteria. The decision came after months of controversy and public hearings, in which scienoffice said today.

A Botswana court today jailed a three-man Rhodesian teleothers expressed fears of where Opponents said today that

they intended to carry on the battle to prevent the research in Cambridge and elsewhere in the United States. They say it might lead to the creation of some new organism which humans would have difficulty in controlling or resisting.

Mr Alfred Vellucci, the Mayor of Cambridge, has talked of "some sort of Prankenstein" emerging from the laboratories.

the laboratories. Other opponents talk of a pathogenic agent which would cause disease, or else argue that scientists have no right to embark on experi-ments which could lead to "an absolute biological catastro-

A board appointed by the zity council recommended ity council recommended approval of the research, pro-vided there were regulations to control it, and this has now been adopted by the council. A Cambridge Bio-hazards Committce is to be set up to keep watch on the research.

Sir Harold denies Haines story of Conservative MP offering to sell secrets in exchange for peerage

Lurid allegations of domestic strife in Sir Harold Wilson's "kitchen Cabinet" during his years as Prime Minister con-tinued to emerge yesterday and Sir Harold promptly denied vigorously the contention by Mr Joe Haines, his former press secretary that a Conservative secretary, that a Conservative

secrets for a peerage.

In the Daily Mirror's serialization of his forthcoming book, The Politics of Power, Mr Haines depicted incidents in which Lady Falkender, the former Prime Minister's personal and private secretary, allegedly threw a tantrum at Sir Harold during a Labour Party conference, and in which Mr Gerald Kaufman, MP, now Minister of State for Industry, threw a glass of whisky at Mc. Haines.

A further acrimonious scene was described by Mr George Caunt, Sir Harold's former tours manager. Mr Caunt said that he once had to fling Lady Falkender across a room in order to subdue her.

Mr Haines's allegation that approaches were made to the Prime Minister in 1969 on be-half of Captain Henry Kerby, the late Conservative MP for Arundel and Shoreham, to

secure a peerage or knighthood in exchange for party secrets was rebutted by Sir Harold. He said: "I knew nothing about the suggestion that he (Captain Kerby) was going to hand 'election secrets' to Joe Haines or anyone else. I cannot imagine what use they would be."

Sir Harold continued: "The strategy of the Tory 1970 cap-

strategy of the Tory 1970 cam-paign was clear long before, and it worked. In any case it would seem to me highly un-likely that Captain Kerby would ever have been in possession of

ever have been in possession of secret information about his party's plans."

Mr Haines might have confused the incident, Sir Harold suggested, with an occasion in 1965 when Captain Kerby sought the appointment of Deputy Speaker, or with the MPs' anger that a journalist was trying to discredit Lord Chalfont, then Minister of State at the Foreign Office, "These are the only two incidents that, so the Foreign Office, "These are the only two incidents that, so far as my knowledge goes, could have led Joe Haines to make the allegations, and they are not in any way discreditable to Captain Kerby."

The late MP's widow, Mrs Enid Kerby, dismissed as "preposterous" the suggestion that her husband would better the

her husband would betray the Conservative Party in return for a Labour peerage.

himself accused yesterday of being responsible for the defeat

of the Government on Monday night by 130 votes to 129 on the Reduction of Redundancy Rebates Bill, which seeks to

place a heavier burden on em-

ployers for redundancy pay-ments. He agreed that he was

absent, but said he had thought

According to the Conservative

whips, three or four ministers must have been under the same

mistaken impression. The defeat of the Bill adds an unex-

pected complication to the Government's already muddled parliamentary timetable.

The same Bill cannot be re-

The same Bill cannot be re-introduced during the present session, so the parliamentary draftsmen must be set to work to produce a Reduction of Re-dundancy Rebates (No 2) Bill, worded differently but achiev-ing the same revision of the re-

dundancy payments scheme.

After the recent dismissal of

severe warnings about discip-linary action against other sec-

retaries who may kick over the

traces, the Prime Minister came

under severe criticism yesterday

from the Labour stalwarts who

he was paired.

Mr Haines says of Lady Falkender that an incident at the Labour Party conference at Brighton in 1969 was his "first Brighton in 1969 was his "first small glimpse of her destructive power". During a discussion about a speech to be made by Sir Harold she "began to rage" about the amount of pipe smoke generated by the Prime Minister, Mr Wedgwood Benn and others. "Everything was wrong, the speech in general and the Prime Minister in particular", he says. She then withdrew and returned home.

Mr Haines maintains that that pattern of behaviour by Lady Falkender was often repeated more violently and regularly produced "an emotional scene, a tirade, just before the Prime Minister faced a major speech or international conference".

Mr Haines describes another Mr Haines describes another gathering in the Prime Minister's study in 1970 when Lady Falkender and Mr Kaufman were present. After some provocation "Gerald flicked his empty whisky glass in my direction, a gesture similar to the upward-thrusting V-signal. Within seconds Marcia had effectively removed the Prime effectively removed the Prime Minister from the room and had begun removing the whisky

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of the whips' confidential lists of pairs would enable a full check to be made.

In the Commons, Mr Robin

Maxwell-Hyslop, Conservative MP for Tiverton, had a support-

ing chorus of opposition cheers when he asked Mr Callaghan:
"Will you tell us why you secured the defeat of your own Government by not voting last night?"

Mr Callaghan replied:

understood last night that I was paired. But the lesson for all

of us, in view of some of the difficulties about pairing sick

members yesterday, is that if the Opposition is setting a trap

perhaps we had better be a

The Conservatives denied aying any ambush. Indeed,

little more careful in future."

away.
The total of Labour MPs,
ministers and backbenchers,

officially not paired with the Conservatives was 32. They

included Sir Harold Wilson.

laying any ambush.

Vaccinations | Callaghan 'own goal' decline complicates timetable 'may lead to £250,000 in Northern Ireland in the next financial year. epidemic' Political Correspondent Mr Healey's office, however said he had been paired. Opposition and Labour MPs were under a relaxed two-line whip, and because so few MPs voted it is difficult to check from the division lists who abstained deliberately and who was paired. Only the disclosure of the whips' confidential lists The Prime Minister found

Britain might face a serious whooping cough epidemic unless the dramatic decline in vaccina-tion against the disease was reversed, Professor Sir Charles Stuart-Harris, the Government's senior adviser on immunization, said last night.

Sir Charles said the disease caused brain damage in one case in a thousand. It ran in four-yearly cycles, of which last year had been a low year.

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Unless the use of vaccine increased rapidly "a large majority of the children born in 1977 will be subject to infection during the next epidemic year ".

Babies were most susceptible to the disease in the first six months of life.

If the new wave of the disease was similar to the last peak there would be 20,000 to 30,000 cases.

Earlier Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for the Social Services, told the House of Commons that compensation for children who had suffered brain damage after vaccination could not be considered in isolation. The Gov-ernment must wait for the Royal Commission on Civil Liabilities to report later this

Mr Ennals said he was determined to ensure that the risks of damage were reduced to the when vaccination on the indications when vaccination was dangerous would be sent to all doctors and nurses, and a new leaflet on vaccination would be prepared for parents.

poliomyelitis and tetanus over over the past three years. Whooping cough vaccinations had dropped by nearly 60 per cent. Mr Ennal's appealed to parents not to turn their backs on vaccination and said the gains greatly outweighed the

Our Health Services Correspondent writes: After Mr Ennals's Commons statement and a press briefing later, Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MPP for Service Treet South who has Stoke-on-Trent, South, who has been campaigning for brain-damaged children, said nothing had been done to help them. They are estimated to number three hundred.

He welcomed the move to give doctors and nurses the most recent information. But he added: "In view of the very clear conflict in the medical profession about the vaccine and the deep public anxiety, I think that he has to have an independent inquiry."

The minister had a clear re-

The minister had a clear responsibility to provide compensation. There was no reason to awair the report of the royal

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remain at the House late night after night to defend the Gov-The Liberals were not out in full strength, but Mr Alen Beith, their chief whip, com-plained to Mr Barney Hayhoe, eroment. One of the ministers who, one of the ministers who, according to the Conservative whips, failed to vote although not officially paired, was Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who was, of course, directly concerned with the effect of the Bill. an opposition spokesman on em-ployment, for saying that "the Liberals were not with us on the vote" when the Government was defeated. Mr Beith He said there had been an alarming drop of between 25 and 30 per cent in the number of vaccinations for diphtheria, about £18m in Britain and said that was untrue; if it had not been for the votes of three Liberals the Government would

five parliamentary private sec- laying any ambush. Indeed retaries for defiance of the their whips seem to have been

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Judge orders strikers Japan offers Europe back to work

A judge in Utrecht last night ordered Dutch strikers back to work at a number of meat processing plants. It was the second court victory for employers but with industrial unrest spreading, a bitter battle still seems in prospect Page 7

Bug cuts phone bill Bradford City Council was told that its telephone bill had dropped by a fifth after it had started monitoring calls, many of them private, made by its staff Page 4

Dilemma for Israel Israel has before it the choice of reaching accommodation with Damascus over the advance of Syrian troops in Lebanon to within a few miles of the Israel frontier or of preparing

ships concession

Japan has offered to increase the price of ships for emott to help end the deadlock with Europe over the crisis in world shipbuilding. It proposed restricting exports to European countries whose shipbuilding industries are in difficulty

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Aid for homeless

Homeless people, including battered wives and gypsies, will have a right to a permanent home under the terms of a Bill published with all-party backing. Local housing authorities will be obliged to provide accommodation for homeless people in priority groups Page 5 Home News 2, 4, 5 Court
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Moderates' leader Labour moderates are looking to Mr Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, as their leader against the Transport, as their leader against the Left. It emerged last night that he is to take the chair at a conference to rally support for the Government Page 4

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Britain gives pledge never again to use deprivation techniques

From Christopher Walker

Strasbourg The British Government yesterday gave a public and un-qualified pledge before 18 international judges in the European Court of Human Rights that the security forces would never again employ five specified sensory deprivation techniques, including hooding and white noise, as aids to

interrogation.

Mr Samuel Silkin, QC, the
Attorney General, making the undertaking, expressed hope that it would help to end the prolonged and damaging dispute between the Irish and British governments over alle-

"Prolonged international lit-igation," he told the judges, even before this court, may impair rather than improve the protections of human rights, especially within a situation as complex, volatile and dan-gerous as that in Northern Ire-

The unexpected British move came at the conclusion of a forceful introductory speech by Mr Silkin aimed at putting the widely publicized torture allegations against soldiers and policemen into perspective against the continuing wave of terrorist violence both in Ulster and on the English main-

Mr Silkin's gesture appeared to take the Irish Government's 11 delegates by surprise. But there were no immediat indications, in or outside the court room, that it will persuade them to withdraw their case against Britain or drop attempts to secure the prosecution of individual soldiers and policemen involved in the alle-

Only a few minutes before Mr Silkin got to his feet Mr Declan Costello, his Irish counterpart, disclosed for the first time his intention to persuade the court to issue an order forcing Britain to institute what he described as "appropriate proceedings" against members of the security forces. It was a tactic forecast in The Times earlier this week. and one the British Govern-ment is determined to resist in its detailed arguments to the

Before making his declara-tion about the techniques, hooding, wall-standing, white noise, food, water and sleep deprivation, Mr Silkin main-tained his belief that the court could hold it as legally binding. "We dare to hope also that in doing so we shall enable the applicant government | Ireland | to agree that there is no longer any adequate reason for them to pursue a course as th which, as I have said, can only made

cries out for the fullest co-operation between us", he said.

In those circumstances I am authorized to give, in relation to the five techniques, the following unqualified undertaking, and I measure my words with care: "'The Government of the

United Kingdom have considered the question of the use of the five techniques with very great care, and with particular regard to article 3 of the convention. They now give this unqualified undertaking that the five techniques will not in any circumstances be reintroduced as an aid to interrogation."

He outlined in detail other measures taken by the British since the techniques were used more than five years ago in the aftermath of internment. They included substantial compensation to the victims and the passing of measures to promote and protect human rights in Northern Ireland.

Earlier he made one of the Harlier he made one of the most spirited defences of the Government's policy in Ulster heard during the five years which the present case has dragged on through the cumbersome European human rights machinery. He spent some time outlining the extent of the violence there and the of the violence there and the severe difficulties it has posed

for British democracy.

"It has been a situation of violence of extraordinary dimensions", he said. "Statis-tics alone cannot adequately describe the extent of the human misery which has been

human misery which has been inflicted upon the people of Northern Ireland; but the statistics are horrifying enough.

"Thus the present outbreak of violence has caused about 1,700 deaths and 18,000 personal injuries; about 5,000 bombs have been exploded and there have been nearly 25,000 shooting incidents. These figures are steadily rising. Compensation paid from public funds has amounted to over £177m for damage to property and over £25m for injuries to

Against that background Mr Silkin emphasized that the five techniques had been used only twice; on 12 men in August, 1971, and on two more in October of the same year, in each case for about six days.
"We do not dispute that they were wrong", he said. "We only ask that they are

kept in proportion."

There will be no immediate indication whether the Strasbourg court will accept the British arguments. Under its procedure the judges do not make remarks or ask questions as the submissions are being

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Assessing Lady Falkender's influence during the Wilson years

this week have secured Lady Falkender's place as the grand dame of postwar British poli-tics. The steel of Mrs Thatcher and the charm of Mrs Williams have been eclipsed, in terms of public interest, by the fascination of a 44-year-old woman who has never held

woman who has hever mend elected office.

A very private person, Lady Falkender has acquired a lurid public image, part Marie-Antoinette, part Lady Brack-nell. Gossip about the mighty has a perpetual appeal, and stories of the threats and the sourcement have heep relayed. tantrums have been relayed and received with relish. But here is a more serious side to the drama.

She has always been a woman of strong views. Her latest preoccupation, for example, is said to be the danger of KGB penetration of Eritish public life through Trotskyists in the Labour Party and securing in the Labour Party and security risks in the public service. How much influence has she wielded on public policy since moving into Downing Street as Sir Harold Wilson's personal and private secretary in 1964? One thing is certain: the volatility of her personality has deprived Sir Harold of nervous energy he could ill afford to spare as he presided over a period of unprecedented econo-mic decline and political un-certainty in Britain. No Prime Minister should ever have to

leave a Cabinet meeting to pla-

cate an irate personal secre-tary inflamed by a personal

Lady Falkender, both her friends and critics say, is a shrewd, able woman whose done, the revelations of Mr Joe Haines in the Daily Mirror this week have secured Ladw Falkender's place. behaviour and hysteria. But

the celebrated incidents, to which Mr Haines has added so lavishly, and the amateur psy-chology about her relationship with Sir Harold ("He could not survive without a mother figure. He needs her praise and approval") make it almost impossible to draw up a balance sheet of her role. Some speak of her private

allure, her wit and her "in-comparable Jacobin English conscience". Private vivacity and public reserve explain, in part, her failure to speak in the Lords since Sir Harold's controversial award of a peerage in 1974.

Her undoubted influence on Harold's resignation honours list—the latest eye of the storm—led, in fact, to some highly meritorious people being considered, like Professor J. H. Plumb, the eminent Cambridge historian, and Mrs Anne Crossman, widow of Richard, who refused to become a DBE.

Her policy advice to Sir Harold, very prominent in his first ministries, much diminished in his last, on devaluation (which she favoured in 1966), British involvement in Vietnam and direct negotia-tions with Mr Ian Smith (which she opposed) may or may not have been correct, but it was clear and well argued. A convinced meritocrat, she would talk the indulgent Sir Harold out of appointing



Lady Falkender behind Sir Harold at a Variety Club of Great Britain luncheon in 1975.

nonentities as junior ministers and extinct volcanoes to royal commissions. She has always maintained that her influence on policy was minimal. on pointy was infilmed. Char she was a mere sounding board for the Prime Minister to bounce ideas off, but that she had sharp instincts about people which were useful to him.

Critics do not deny sharpness, but say loyalty rated more highly than ability. Some say her personal suspicions isolated Sir Harold from both the Labour Party and Whitehall machines to the dis-advantage of all. She set berself up as the guardian of his political conscience.

What led Lady Falkender to seopardize her very real con-tribution to political life and lose all chance of the public respectability she craves? Good old English class resentment will not suffice as an expla-nation. She is devoted to rogalty, as they have always

treated her with exquisite nard Donoghue, and F-courtesy. Civil servants she has secretary, Mr Haines. despised since 1964, as they treated her as a typist rather

than an adviser.

The ironic, elegant Sir Derek
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Whitehall grapevine, and its performance finance in the Treasury, tried 1960s and waited to reach a modus vivendi with her when principal private secretary at number 10 in hall generally content 1964. The Rubicon was crossed when he told her she could travel to Washington on the Marcia's barminvah t Prime Minister's first foreign As with all persone trip only if she went as Mrs in the last, Lady I. Wilson's maid, otherwise she has taken Mr Hen would have to pay her own fare. Neither Sir Derek nor the Civil Service was ever forgiven

When Sir Derek left number to in 1966, she was instrumental in persuading the Prime Minister to replace him with Mr. Michael Halls, a private secretary from his Board of Trade days in the Jate 1940s, rather than one of the Treasury fliers proposed by the Whitehall machine. After Halls's death in 1970 (from a heart attack brought on by stress and overwork in number 10, his widow maintained) she ensured that Mr Alex Isserlis, whom she knew socially, was will be the effect of to succeed, even though his fractious relationship Civil Service superiors in quality of leader structed him not to take the

Her return to Downing Street in February, 1974, was greeted with resigned horror by the Civil Service. But, like her master, they found her much changed since 1970. She appeared in Number 10 less frequently and for shorter periods. The policy advice came more from Sir Harold's

new policy unit, under Dr Ber-

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for years to come. But fascination to future years. Definitive will remain impossible of such matters will the documents as But one interim jud book and its associate the personal animos ing the Wilson years

Peace People drop official over attack on leaders

From Martin Huckerby

ment became apparent yesterday when Mr Tom Conaty, a leader of the movement in the Roman Catholic Andersonstown and Falls Road areas of Belfast. was rold that he was no longer a member of the organization because of criticism of the

The trouble occurred after the Andersonstown and Falls groups in the movement put out a statement opposing the criti-cism of church leaders by the leaders of the Peace People. Mr Conaty would not comment last night on what had happened, but said he would continue to work for peace, within movement or outside it.

Abbey National present

Mr Ciaran McKeown, one of A possible split in the Northern Ireland peace movement became apparent Roman Catholic and Protestant churches had failed to give a clear moral lead on the question of violence.

However, Mr McKeown did not believe that Mr Conaty represented very many people
At Belfast Magistrates'
Court yesterday, Raymond Pius McCartney, an unemployed clerk, aged 22, of Orchard Row, Londonderry, was remanded in custody o na charge of mur-dering Mr Jeffrey Agate, the Dupont executive killed in Londonderry on February 2.

Mr McCartney was also charged with murdering Det Constable Patrick McNuity in the city on January 27.

object to poll question

By Our Political Reporter

Further trouble over devolution was heaped on the Government last night when it became known that 19 prospective Labour Party candidates in Scotland have raised strong objections over the referendum

The list of names has been collected by Mr Norman Buchan, Labour MP for Renfrewshire, West. The prospective candidates have expressed astonishment at the Govern-ment's decision not to include a question on independence in the proposed referendum.

They argue that without an independence question nothing will be resolved and the situation might be exacerbated. Without the question, they believe, whichever way the decision goes will be hailed as a victory for the separatist forces.

The prospective candidates have started a campaign urging Government and MPs to include independence in the referendum. Those behind the

While the campaign itself will have no direct bearing on the vote in the Commons when the Government decides to introduce the guillotine on the Scotland and Wales Bill, it none the less indicates the pentup feelings on the bill in Scotland

Government business managers last night were still not confident that they could push the guillotine through the Commons despite offering the anti-devolutionists a debate on the referendum tomorrow.

While some of the anti-devo-lutionists are known to be wavering, calculations last night showed that about 35 of them would either vote against or abstain on a guillotine motion: ecough to make the Govern-ment have second thoughts on its introduction.

Those who are thought still to have strong views on the



BR continues to woo students

Half-rate rail travel for students will continue despite the collapse of the NUS Travel Service. British Rail confirmed yesterday that holders of a BR student travel raileard can still buy half-rate tickets. Students wanting a new cond should wanting a new card should apply direct to British Rail.

The card, which is held by 150,000 students, costs E6.50 and entitles the holder to second-class rail travel at half rates on Sealink ships to the Channel Islands and Ireland are also available.

Siege trial ending Mr Justice Cantley began his summing-up in the Balcombe Street siege trial at the Central Criminal Court yesterday and will continue it when the court reassembles this morning.

Labour men More tales out of Downing Stre

Continued from page 1

from my coat. I still left number 10 smelling like a

Mr Kaufman declined to com-ment on the incident yesterday. A violent disturbance in Sir Haroid's entourage, precipitated by Lady Falkender's conduct, was alleged yesterday by Mr George Caunt, an aide to the former Prime Minister for 14 years. During the party's stay ar a Liverpool hotel, in 1966, Mr Caunt ordered dinner in an upstairs suite. "Harold was busy looking through some papers or speeches when Marcia suddenly blew up into a right

old rage", he said. Lady Falkender apparently insisted on eating downstairs. She started raving and screaming at me, saying: 'We are not eating up here.' My arrange-

ments seemed to suit Harold, while she worked at II who kept his head down and did not join in the row. Street. "While the sordid r "Marcia was in full flow, in

a foul and furious mood. So I just walked up to her, put my arms around her waist, picked her up and flung her across the room on to a sofa, "I told her to shut up, and

that is exactly what she did. She looked daggers at me after-wards, and for about a week

water, and for about a week she was awkward.

While Mr Callaghan, the Prime Minister, remained aloof from the affair yesterday, other MPs expressed concern at the amount of mud-slinging emerging from a former Administration. Mr Neville Trotter, Conservative MP for Tynemouth, submitted a Commons question asking the Prime Minister whether Lady Falken-

about what happene Downing Street scul-make absorbing read

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Mr Dennis Skinner MP for Bolsover, sai affair: "If it br honours list into repute, as it should, the Mr Robert Mellish Labour Chief Whip,

Labour Chief Whip, Mr Haines's allega trivial, and advised

Public-sector challenge to further pay-restraint pact

restraint at a critically timed

one-day conference in London shortly before the Chancellor's

ference.

It will comprise 25 representatives from eight publicsector unions and will discuss the sensitive issue of the "social wage", which embraces public-spending

The conference, to be held Public-sector unions are set in Central Hall, Westminster, to make a serious challenge to the prospects of another ude to a special TUC congress traint. Mr Geoffrehh Drain. Nalgo general secretary, who is

one-day conference in London shortly before the Chancellor's next Budget.

The traditionally moderate National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo), whose tough attitude over public-spending curbs in dicates the intensity of feeling among local government and Whitehall workers, decided yesterday to support the conference.

Nalgo general secretary, who is a leading member of the TUC.

Nalgo has called a special meeting of its emergency committee next week to work out details of a hational overtime ban from April 1. There is a possibility that with wages already seriously curbed some members will not support the Nalgo has catled a special meeting of its emergency committee next week to work out details of a national overtime ban from April 1. There is a possibility that with wages already seriously curbed some members will not support the call.

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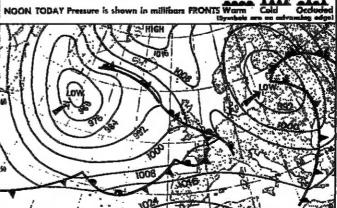
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Weather forecast and recordings



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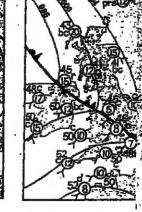
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Mostly cloudy, occasional light

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r.



rain, perhaps heavier in evening; wind SE light, max temp 10°C to 11°C (50° to 52°F).

SE, SW central, S England, Channel Islands, S Wales: Mostly cloudy, extensive for on hills. patches on coasts, occasional light rain, becoming heavier; wind S. light; max temp 11° to 12°C (52° to 54°F).

East Anglia, E. NE England: Early mist, mainly dry and bright at first, cloudy, occasional light rain later; wind SE light; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, rain, sunny intervals; normal.
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temp 9°C (48°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow: Freezing fog patches clearing, becoming cloudy, rain at times later; wind SE light; max. temp 7°C (45°F).

Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland: Mainly dry and bright, cloudy with rain in evening; wind SE light; max temp 5°C (43°F).

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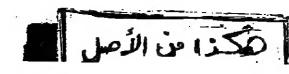
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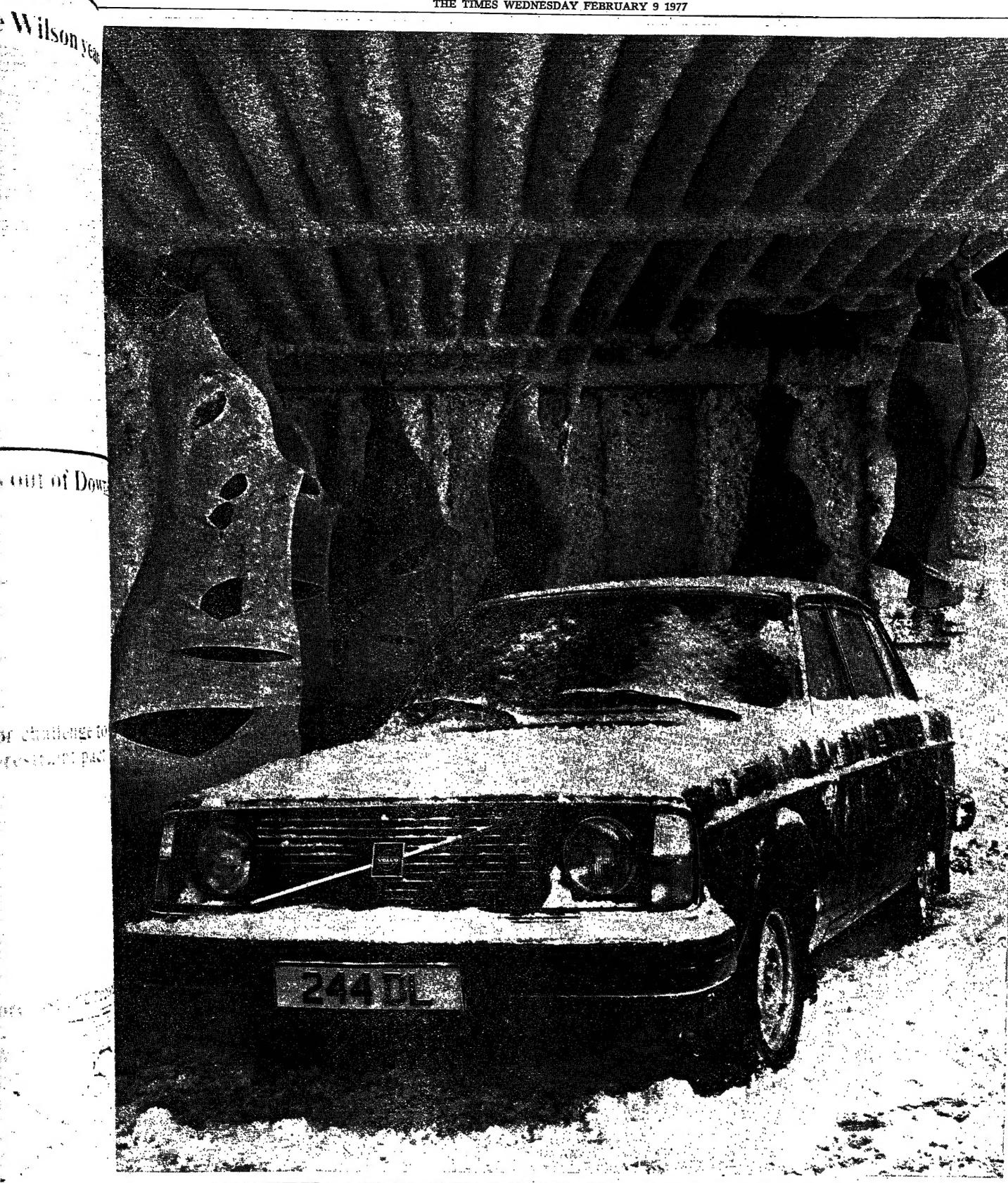
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zero for as much as six months of the year and the Volvo is built to cope.

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By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

Leaders of the TUC meet today to discuss how to regenerate union support for continuation of the social contract with the Government in the face of mounting shop-floor opposition which culminated yesterday in a vote of no confidence in the Government's economic policies by the traditionally loyal Notlinghamshire miners.

With Ford Motors shop stewards demanding an end to wage restraint, the TUC's influential economic committee sits down this morning to decide on the form of represen-tation to the Chancellor on how he should frame his forthcoming Budget, A special confereuce "to exert greater influ-ence" on Mr Healey is planned.

A confidential preamble to the draft TUC economic review being considered by the committee today suggests a confer-ence of chief officers of all affiliated unions to be held in advance of the Budget, which the unions have reason to be-lieve will be in the last week of

The purpose of the confercnce would be to enable the union movement to exert greater influence on the Chancellor on prices, unemploy-ment and general economic policy, thus meeting a desire among the unions for greater consultation on government policy. "However, this procewould not rule out a dure would not rule out a further conference at a later stage", the paper adds.

While the contents of the lengthy draft review were being digested by union leaders yesterday a resolution deploring the "abysmal failure" of government economic policies demanding free collective barsuining in the mining industry hamshire mineworkers' confer-

won 208 votes, compared with 178 for a motion demand-ing a £135 wage for face workers from November 1. That claim would entail rises of more than 90 per cent, in direct con-flict with the Government's

wage restraint programme.

Both the resolutions were adopted despite an hour-long riefence of the social contract by Mr Lawrence Daly, general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, who has championed the pay restraint cause at TUC congresses. unexpectedly tough

attitude by normally moderate pit delegates from Britain's second largest coalfield coincided with a move by Ford shop stewards to join their col-leagues in British Leyland in a cil in future weeks.

of favour

survey

By David Walker

in students'

of The Times Higher Education

summer.

The survey's findings are
likely to form the basis of a
speech to be made this afternoon in the Lords for the Gov-

erament by Lord Winterbottom.

He will be speaking in a debate on the need to increase the esteem in which industry is held

Students interviewed for the

survey viewed industrialists as

successful organization men; narrow-minded, ambitious and with a technical bent. By con-

trast students saw themselves

as broad-minded, anti-authori-tarian, unmotivated by money and anxious to work with

Market and Opinion Research International asked students at

18 universities in England and Wales to grade the qualities they thought were necessary in

an industrial and Civil Service career. Civil servants were said to like working with people, to be hardworking and responsible and generally doing a useful ich

people rather than things.

by young people.

University students see them-

revolt against extension of the social contract.

The Ford conveners' commit tee called on the TUC not to be misled into another round of manoeuvring to impose unac-ceptable policies on the workers. A conference of Ford

shop stewards will be held in April to work out a pay demand for 1977, but the shop-floor leaders said last night that there was no support for a continuation of wage restraint.

Toolmakers are threatening to strike at Ford's Dagenham plant from next Monday over a pay claim.

Mr John Cousins, a contender in the election for a new general secretary for the Transport and General Workers' Union, moved quickly to support the Ford workers, most of whom belong to the union be would like to lead.

He said yesterday: "The ocial contract has finally social crumbled, and I share the views of the Ford motor car workers who say enough is enough. I believe we have to return to free collective bargaining as an urgent priority. Otherwise Britain will be plunged into even more unnecessary strife: a union official against his members."

While Mr Cousin's remarks may be taken as election rhetoric, increasing opposition from such strategically placed leaders of shop-floor opinion as Ford and British Leyland shop stewards, and the Nottinghamshire miners, whose moderate president, Mr Len Clarke, has in previous years held them to a policy loyal to the Labour Cabinet, must give rise to increasing concern among TUC leaders responsible for negotiating another year of wage restraint.

The idea behind a special TUC conference of trade union executives, possibly to be followed by a special congress to bring unions into a binding agreement with the Govern-ment, is designed to further the cause of the social contract, not to provide a platform to oppose

That is why Mr Hugh Scanlon, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers is opposing any general recall of the congress merely to rubber-stamp negotiations be-tween the TUC's six representatives on the National Economic Development Council and

He voiced his opposition at a secret left-wing meeting in Birmingham at the weekend. His Stand will be taken up by mili-

look to Mr Rodgers as a leader

By Michael Harfield Labour moderates last night were projecting Mr William Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport and an old campaigner in the party's internal struggles, as their putative leader to meet the challenge of the left.

That became evident when it was learnt that the moderates are organizing a conference of Labour activists throughout the country later this month to discuss what action might be taken to rally support for the Government and to build up party organization. Mr Rodgers has accepted an

invitation to take the chair at the initial meeting, which has been partly organized by Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, chairman of the centre-right Manifesto Group of Labour MPs, and Mr John Cartwright, a member of the group who is also on the national executive committee

of the Labour Party.

Moderate Labour MPs have been conscious that their cause lacked a leader ever since it was known that Mr Roy Jenkins was to leave Parliament, and it now looks as if Mr Rodgers has been persuaded to fill, the

Mr Rodgers is a doughty fighter for the moderate cause, having shown a talent for orga-nization during Labour's fight over unilateral nuclear disarmament. He was one of the key figures in the Campaign for Democratic Socialism, which successfully set out to reverse the 1960 annual party conference decision to "ban the bomb".

Whether Mr Rodgers will accept the mantle of Mr Jen-kins remains to be seen, for behind the scenes there has been much activity to persuade Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to accept the role.

It can be stated authoritatively that there is no rivalry.
Mr Rodgers has enormous
admiration for Mrs Williams's capabilities and is known to be among the group of moderate ministers who would like to see her as the next Chancellor of

Those who are privately canvassing that idea recognize, however, that she needs to have more experience as a senior Cabinet minister.

The ceiling of the conference of Labour moderates will comcide with a detailed statement of its ideals and objectives published by the Manifesto Group. That will give unswerving support to the mixed



Three guillemots, cleansed of oil by Kent RSPCA staff, being left by an RAF helicopter crew on the Goodwin Sands for the tide to carry them out to sea. The birds had swum back to shore each time an RSPCA man had rowed them out from the Kent coast and left them.

Race commission plans criticized

Social Policy Correspondent

The latest proposals for the future staffing and structure of the new Commission for Racial Equality are meeting wide-

Equality are meeting wide-spread criticism.

The plans, which replace an earlier, unacceptable draft re-quire the approval of the Civil Service Department and the Government. They were sent to the Home Office last week.

Some minority group leaders Some minority group leaders are afraid that their chances of direct cooperation with the commission's staff have been weakened because of the role now envisaged for community

relations councils.

Another complaint is that the plans over-emphasize the law-enforcement functions of the new body and give inadequate attention to community help and advice. It is argued that of the commission's proposed staff of 221, for example, only nine will be directly concerned with minority-group organiza-tions, youth matters and rela-tionships with the police, voluntary organizations and other

The new commission is due to start operating fully at the end of March. It will assume the functions of the Community Relation's Commission and the Race Relations Board. One of the critics is Dr Alan

authorities,

Little, director of reference and technical services at the Com-munity Relations Commission, who is on the new commission's steering committee and is expected to become one of its directors.

In a letter to Mr David Lane. the chairman-designate, he complains that the proposals will reduce staffing for research and advisory work and dilute expertise on discrimination other than that defined in a narrowly legal sense.

"The distinction in the paper between discrimination and disadvantage is one I can accept as far as the law is concerned. but is meaningles; as far as effective promotion of equality of opportunity is concerned", he writes.

"Education authorities do not want to know whether young black people are func-tioning badly because of direct or indirect discrimination or racial disadvantage; they have to be made aware of the situaabout poor performances, and given the guidance and resources on what to do if black children are to have equality of opportunity."

Mr Courtney Laws, director of Brixton Neighbourhood Community Association and chair-man of a group of about 35 minority association leaders,

NHS unrest

blamed on

frustration

Health Services Correspondent

The serious decline

morale in the National Health Service is often said to be duc

to lack of money, but equally important, if not more so, is

the deep sense of frustration

experienced by most doctors, the Royal College of Obstetri-cians and Gynaecologists said

In evidence to the Royal

Commission on the National

Health Service the college said: "Doctors working in acute and exacting specialities such as our own know how near complete breakdown the

service has been in many areas. By breakdown we mean

the danger of unnecessary loss of life and the serious delay in the restoration to health of the sick."

To help to remedy the service, the college suggested that area health authorities should

go, that there should be con-sultation with the profession, the Government and trade unions to determine the cause

less people at the centre, often

with scant regard to the pro-

fession's opinions and without the provision of money for the

directives to be implemented". There was also, perhaps, a fail-

ure by doctors to appreciate

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Much of the good will pre-

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lost because of frustrations experienced in day-to-day practice, Many administrators had lost sight of the fact that a hospital exists for patients and

is not an opportunity for

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It was almost impossible to dismiss staff. Work seemed to

be created for its own sake

and no one asked why. Reams

of paper were produced which created a chain reaction: those

working at the "grass roots" found it difficult to understand

the need for so many direc-

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junior staff.

wrote to the Commission for Racial Equality yesterday com-plaining that the staffing pro-posals fail to give enough emphasis to the need for liaison with minority groups. The commission has also re-

ceived a memorandum from Mr Surendra Kumar, principal liaison officer at the Community Relations Commission, who says: "It would be fatal if we lose the confidence of the ethnic minorities at this critical juncture, especially as so much time and effort has been spent in exploring and developing this kind of liaison work".

Trust argued that existing priorities were based on Home Office assumptions over which there had been inadequate consultation. In particular, it asked the commission to reconsider the organization of its promotional and advisory work, Mr Lane said yesterday that ethnic minority work would not be neglected. "We want to develop and enlarge it", he said. Equally, there was no intention of diminishing the effectiveness of the Community

Las: week the Runnymede

Relations Commission's promotional and advisory work. " We are simply proposing some redeployment of skills to take account of the changed

Report out today on dependants

Home Affairs Correspondent

A report to be published today will advise the Government on whether it should institute a register of immigrants' depen-

The report was prepared by team of three, headed by Lord Franks, the Liberal peer. The other members are Mr Sydney Irving, Labour MP for Dartford, and Mr Mark Carlisle, QC, Conservative MP for Runcorn.

The formation of the group was suggested last July by Mr Roy Jenkins, then Home Secretary. Mr Whitelaw, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, had said that the British people wanted to know whether a time was in prospect when no more immigrants would be entitled to come here.

A succession of people have been to the Indian subcontinent to try to gauge numbers and pressure by dependants to come

Mr Alex Lyon, Labour MP for York, has said that his dismissal as a Home Office minister was due largely to his attempt to reduce the time that Asian dependants waited to get here.

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Talks fail to find formula for nuclear-fuel transfer

fuel is not transferable to

Arrangements proposed over a year ago for shipping spent nuclear fuel, as part of a long-term £400m reprocessing contract for British Nuclear Fuels,

would separate useful uranium, plutonium and long-lived radio-active wastes from the spent fuel.
The Japanese delegation met Sir John Hill, chairman of the

United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, and Mr Shore, Secre-tary of State for the Environment, yesterday over the Wind-scale dispute, which concerns the safety and wisdom of building a new type of reprocessing factory for enriched-oxide fuel.

American anxiety relates to the plutonium. The Japanese claim to the ownership of plutonium created in the country's reactors is not acceptable to the United States.

uranium deposits to go ahead.

The electricity bos

Protest over uranium survey in Orkness

About 400 people opposed to
uranium mining in Orkney
marched through Kirkwall yesBlackhall, and near Yesnaby, on uranium mining in Orkney marched through Kirkwall yesterday in the first demonstration the town has seen, as the island council's planning and development committee rejected an application by the South of Scotland Electricity Board to survey for uranium ore in a "corridor" north of Stromness. About 3,500 protests have been application was little point in allowing the About 3,500 protests have been application was based through Kirkwall yesterday in the first demonstration the Atlantic coast.

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Mr Graham Lapsley, chief the Orkney Islands and options to buy to the view that since the islanders mal practice, the plained, to protect supplies should any geological evidence that the Orkney dept.

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About 3,500 protests have been delivered to the council.

Their opposition was based The committee agreed to chiefly on the damage that urge the full Orkney Island's would be done to an attractive council to reject the application, despite reassurances by plan for the islands made clear three electricity board officials that no form of industrial activity, including oil-platform building or petrol refining, would be allowed in the area. To those strictures they wanted to add uranium mining.

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Art institute has

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The institute, although completely independent, is on the campus of Birmingham Univer-

Cuts 'will mean fewer police on the streets' By Stewart Tendler Government cuts in expendi-ture for policing will result in

fewer officers on the streets, the Home Secretary was told yesterday by representatives of the Association of Chief Police Officers, which represents chief constables in England, Wales and Northern Institute.

and Northern Ireland.
Yesterday Mr Peter Marthews, Chief Constable of Surrey and the association's president, raised with Mr Rees the effects of planned cuts.

According to a statement from the association Mr Matthews, accompanied by two other chief constables, told Mr Rees and senior Home Office officials that the reduction in the use of civilian staff would result in fewer police officers on operational duty.

Village beat: Villagers in remore areas of Northumberland who have lost their local policewho have lost their local police-man are to get him back, once a formight. He will start call-ing regularly in the villages in the same way as a mobile library operates, the Northum-bria Police Authority was told vesterday. yesterday.

He will park his police station, a converted van, on the

village green so that local people can visit it to talk and

Industry out | Council saves by bugging staff

By Robert Parker Bradford City Council, which attributable to private calls from its offices. The council esti-mates that at least £12,000 a year could be saved by the detarrent effect of permanent

selves as much more fitted for Civil Service jobs than for industry, according to a survey of the attitudes of final-year students conducted last For the first two weeks of the monitoring, last September, no one was told that calls were being bugged. Then staff and councillors were told that calls would be monitored for the next two weeks.

The council's telephone bill was £490 lower in the second period than in the first. In the first two weeks an average of 17,595 calls were made each week, at a weekly cost of £1,195. In the second two weeks 15,479 calls on average were made each week, at a cost of £950. Thus in the second period the average weekly saving was £245.

The number of calls made fell

shire.

The dispute, involving about seventy journalists, is about to spread to another 150 journalists employed by the East Midlands Allied Press group. The strikers have appealed to the printing unions for support, but there are obvious signs of reticence.

The TUC committee is likely to attempt conciliation rather

to attempt conciliation rather than offer support, which it has

already once refused.

The National Union of Jour-

yesterday that he had visited her five times a week, often

socially.
She had called at the police

station at Tewkesbury two or three times a month to com-

plain about poachers or intru-ders on her estate. The fre-

quency of the calls increased until she was calling at least

Mr Townsend said he called

on Mrs Salmon for long conver-sations because she seemed lonely. "She always called the

once a day.

affected by the dispute, which colleagues.

TUC printing group to

discuss journalists' strike

The National Union of Jour-nalists plans to call our another refused to hold further talks,

150 members employed by the but the management denied that

by 13.8 per cent in the second sions does act as a deterrent to would-be abusers. Although no analysis has been done on

moving inefficiencies in telephone network revealed by of a private nature. Bradford bired Call Informa-

tion Logging Equipment to record the destination and duration of all outgoing calls from the 600 extensions in the city hall and outlying offices. Conversations were not recorded.

A report from the management services division, which carried out the survey, to the council's management com-mittee, which met yesterday said that judging by the survey the continued use of equipment "could achieve direct annual savings in the order of £12,250 for call charges". The figure

was arrived at by multiplying the weekly average saving by 50 weeks.

The report added: "There a charge is made for every call, is evidence from the survey but with private lines only the that the monitoring of exten-

Since the strike began the

Evening Telegraph has reduced its cover price from 6p to 2p, and dropped its Saturday issue,

but the management says there has been no significant decrease

in advertising revenue. Mr Desmond Willcox, general manager, said the newspaper

had between eight and 10 pages a day smaller than usual. The

loss was mostly editorial

On Monday the journalists

matter, not advertising.

monitored telephone calls made
by its staff for four weeks last
year, was told yesterday that a
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private calls, and some by rethe reduction of calls in weeks
By John Roper three and four comprises The even greater reduction

in call charges would indicate that legitimate outgoing calls were of shorter duration and/or there was a marginal shift to the standard-rate period" (the afternoon, when calls are cheaper than in the morning). The monitoring equipment also made clear that other sav-

also made clear that other sav-ings were possible. For example, it was shown that some extensions are hardly used and do not justify their rental. It was also shown that it would be cheaper in some cases to link the city hall switchboard to other council switchboards with private lines instead of Post Office lines. If Post Office lines are used

Job reprieve for dismissed photographer

By Christopher Thomas

The TUC printing industries committee is to hold a special meeting today to decide what action to take over a 10-week strike by journalists which has discusted production of three discussed production of three strike began the Mr Rodney Southwood, aged 32, chief photographer on the If ord Recorder, who was dismissed for alleged misconduct after the conclusion of a closed-shop agreement between the National Union of Journalists and the South Essex Recorders newspaper group, was granted the renewal of his contract by an industrial tribunal

Mr Southwood appealed to the tribunal on the ground of wrongful dismissal. The hearing was adjourned because no representatives of the newspaper group were present, but the tribunal chair-

man said he was satisfied that on the evidence so far Mr Southwood's application was likely to succeed. Mr Southwood voted last

October as a member of the National Union of Journalists for the introduction of a closed shop. He later left the NUJ and joined the rival Institute of Journalists.

group on Friday if no progress it had been approached. Today towards a settlement has been a complaints committee of strikmade by then.

The newspapers so far ciplinary action against some

Inspector tells of visits by wealthy widow Chief Inspector Donald 'chief' and I always called her before she died in 1973, said he did not think she should have been committed to a affairs with her.

Violet Salmon, the widow of colonel, said in the High Court aged 51, of Bishop's Cleeve, yesterday that he had visited to a specific times a week often.

Chief' and I always called her before she died in 1973, said he did not think she should have been committed to a affairs with her.

Sergeant Kenneth Davies, was present and the had visited to a possible times a week often.

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aged 51, of Bishop's Cleeve, Gloucestershire, is asking Mr Justice Walton to uphold Mrs Salmon's last will in which he was left more than £200,000, made in his favour in August, 1973. The will is challenged by five beneficiaries under a 1971

Mes Sergeaut Davies.

He thought Mrs Salmon was suffering from the fauciful imaginings of an anxious and neurotic old woman.

She was a very difficult social problem, but my partners and I never thought she was carrifiable. She would not stay five beneficiaries under a 1971 and I will. They maintain that Mrs certifia Salmon was suffering from when s delusions when she made the home

certifiable. She would not stay when she was sent to a nursing

"I would have been happy Dr Christopher King-Holford, for her to go to the nursing the need for so many directive and the setting up to committee and the setting up will but I would nave been have committees and the ineffect been party to committing her."

By Pearce Wright representatives from Japan. The British, French and Japanese talks are already in difficulty ing fascism anywing negotiators are making little because of uncertainties about progress towards finding a expansion at Windscale for a formula acceptable to the new reprocessing plant which discourage the disc United States for the transfer

of spent nuclear fuel from Japan for reprocessing at Windscale, Cumbria, and at La Hague, near Cherbourg. American agreement is vital

because the spent fuel, from American-designed atomic power stations, was supplied originally by the nuclear divi-sion of the United States Energy Research and Develop-ment Administration, and as-potential weapons material the another country.

term £400m reprocessing contract for British Nuclear Fuels, are not acceptable to the United Washington recommend an States arms control agency.

That is an added complication for talks being held in centres, of which Windscale London among British Nuclear could become one. The suggestion has not been supported by

Fuels, Cogema (the French tion has not been supported by reprocessing company) and 15 Britain or by the French.

unions to determine the cause of present unrest, and that the Department of Health and Social Security should be replaced with a health service commission or corporation to remove the NHS from the "constantly changing influence of politicians". By Ronald Faux In the early years the service worked well, the college said. Hospital staff were given authority and the help of the administration. Today general practitioners were frustrated by inadequate facilities, junior bernital deservers.

hospital doctors were still seeking a well-defined career structure, consultants had had their authority challenged by hospital workers, they were un-der-paid and lacked supporting Reorganization of the service had led, among other difficul-ties, to "enormous numbers of directives emanating from face-

at the meeting.

The board may appeal to the Secretary of State for Scotland to overrule Orkney's objections and allow the survey of

to close because of oil blockade

The Barber Institute of Fine Arts in Birmingham closed yesterday because its oil supplies had been stopped by pickets of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Man-agerial Staffs. Officials said that without oil they could not control the humidity level required

sity, where technicians belonging to the ASTMS have been on strike for 22 weeks in a dispute over holiday entitlement.

It contains works by many eminent artists including Gainsborough, Reynolds, Turner, Hals, Rembrandt, Van Gogh,

Building societies to he New arrangements with building societies for maintaining the level of local authority lending for house purchase and improvement in England were announced yesterday by Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment. Authorities will receive mortgage allocations totalling f273m in 1977-78, of which the building societies expect to be able to provide £157m. Mr Shore, making his announcement in a Commons answer to Mr John Ellis, Labour MP for Brigg and Scunthorpe, said the arrangements were designed to maintain local authority lending for house purchase in 1977-78 at the level envisaged before the public spending cuts. Mr Shore said: Authorities who co within the existing priority categories an unable to obtain priori

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which Mr Ross has from the Govern-h could not find is due for second February 18 and has pport. It is intended the present duty on ices authorities to a wider duty on thorities to provide

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will give legislative he terms of a joint and three years ago al authorities to ponsibility for the

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third of local authorities have yet to do so, and other authori-ties' performances have been

For the first time the Bill will require local authorities to take full notice of circulars issued under it. The first will be published with the Act and will define the priority groups housing authorities must help. They are expected to include families with children, pregnant women, and elderly or disabled women, and elderly or disabled

The Bill defines homelessness The Bill defines homelessness as being without accommodation, or being threatened with it in 28 days. The first duty of housing authorities will be 1 oprovide accommodation for anyone it suspects of being homeless and with a priority need, while it determines the merits of the case.

If the authority decides the applicant does fall within its duty it is obliged to secure or provide suitable accommoda-tion. In some cases that will mean taking steps to end harass-ment of tenants so that they can stay in their present homes. In others, it will mean provid-ing a council tenancy, but the Bill does not define the stan-dard of accommodation to be

If the authority is not satisfied that the applicant qualifies for housing it must nevertheless provide advice and assistance to belp him to find his own

accommodation.
The Bill establishes that the housing authority that is re-sponsible is the one to which vidual applies for help. But it contains a clause providing for cooperation between local authorities because the performance of some, particularly in London, where most homelessness occurs, has shown that several authorities refuse to take responsibility unless the applicant has lived locally for

The department's figures yesterday showed that more than 90 per cent of homeless families had been living in the area for at least a month.

some time.

The Bill is a consensus measure, but contains one controversial provision. Mr Ross wants it to extend to Scotland, as well as to England and Wales, but the Government argues that it is an issue likely to be devolved to the new Scot-tish assembly, where the housing situation is different.

Mr Ross said yesterday that if legislative backing was not given in Scotland authorities there might implement any new agreement on homelessness as patchily as in England and Wales. The Bill implicitly covers the

single homeless, but in practice they will be left out unless they are included in the priority groups to be named by the Secretary of State for the Environment. But local authorities will be free to add their own priority groups to the official list. The Bill is expected to become law by the end of

Wordsworth site not to have houses built on it

By John Chartres
The view of the fields from under the yew trees beside Wordsworth's grave in grave Grasmere is to be preserved,

after all.
The Lake District Special The Lake District Special Planning Board announced yesterday that its development control subcommittee had refused an application for the building of 14 expensive houses on a site behind the Rothay Hotel in the centre of the Wordsworth village and along-side the famous churchyard.

The subcommittee's refusal

of a development application by a Newcastle upon Tyne firm of builders came after intense local opposition ending in a public meeting in the village attended by nearly two hundred people last week.

The Rector of Grasmere, the Rev Richard Bevan, one of the leaders of the opposition move-ment, said the villagers were relieved and delighted at the decision. He thought there would now be a move to raise funds on a national, and possibly international, scale to develop the site for the general benefit of local people, particu-larly elderly people; and for

One of the hopes, he said, was that the would-be developer, William Leech (Builders) Ltd, might be persuaded to put forward an alternative application that would still be business-like yet not constitute the sort of "over-development" that the the original scheme involved.



Top of the show-business pops: Penelope Keith and John

Penelope Keith named as top personality

Miss Penelope. Keith was named yesterday as show business personality of 1976 in the Variety Club of Great Britain's annual awards. She was selected for her performance in the play Donkey's Years and her role as the woman next door in The Good Life, the television series. A special award was given to A special award was given to Mr Richard Goolden for his annual appearance as Mr Mole in Toad of Toad Hall and for Dirty Linen in 1976. He has played Mole for 20 years.

Bed Before Yesterday; BBC radio personality: Roy Hudd. Hudd-lines; BBC television personality: John Inman, for Are You Being Served?, and Derek Jacobi, for I. Claudius; TTV personality: Dennis Waterman and John Thaw, for The Sweeney and Yootha Joyce and Brian Murphy for George and Midred; most promising artist: Andrew Sachs, for the television series Faulty Towers and his stage performance at the 1976 Chichester Festival.

Three injured in house explosion

RAF's new plane to be Anglo-German project

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent The next fighter-bomber air-craft for the RAF is to be a joint Anglo-West German project, and may bring in other members of the Nato alliance, Whitehall sources said yester-

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day.
Coded the AST (air staff target) 403, the project has already been the subject of much negotiation between the British and the Germans. The British Aircraft Corporation and Hawker Siddeley Actation are expected to submit firm designs to the Government

within the next few weeks.

The RAF would require about 300 models of the 403 to fly alongside, and eventually to replace, its existing Jaguar and Harrier fighter-bombers during the late 1980s and 1990s. At about £5m for each aircraft at today's prices, the British order alone would be worth at least £1,500m to the aircrart industry.

The Germans would require at least as many 403s to rep-lace their Phantom fighters. The two countries have built up in developing the much heavier and more expensive Tornado multi-role combat aircraft, which is due to go into squadron service by the end of

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One of these, which can be lobbed into an airfield by a low-flying aircraft before it comes no range of aircraft missiles, lays mines under the surface designed to go off at varying intervals.

The development of the new fighter-bomber, which will be a single-seater designed to fight over the advanced battlefield, and may have an element of veertical take-off in its design, and that of the advanced conventional weapons can be seen as a riposte to a recent change in tactics by the Soviet military, which has been noted by Whitehall intelligence experts.

That is to concentrate far more on offensive weapons of a conventional nature. It has a conventional nature. It has led Whitehall to deduce that the Russians would expect to fight a war at the non-nuclear level lasting several days at least before any escalation.

The threat is taken seriously in official circles. The astern block is understood to be producing about 1,500 military aircraft a year, 1,00 oof which aree combat types, and 50 oof which are the latest swing-wing kind.
The accent among the Bri-

tish defence planners is placed annual appearance as Mr Mole in Toad of Toad Hall and for Dirty Linen in 1976. He has played Mole for 20 years.

Other winners were:

Film actor: Lord Olivier, for Marathon Man; film actress:

Gemma Craven, for The Stipper and the Rose; stage actor: Donald Sinden, for King Jear .

actress: Joan Flowright, for The

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Baily Contemporary society, the ment-backed prosulate the millions stewpot seething away on a fossil-fuel fire demanding continuous supplies of concentrated energy that have taken billions of years to accumulate ".

Energy supplies will clearly become more and more a con-trolling element in world development, demanding "the biggest readjustment of aims and attitudes we have ever had to face". The study proposes: 1 Better insulation and more modest standards in domestic heating, which consumes nearly a quarter of Britain's total.

2 More modest transport, with smaller, more economical cars (60mph and 60 mpg for most pur-poses) and greater emphasis on public transport, bicycles, and car-sharing,

3 Big savings in industrial energy, largely through better insulation. 4. Development of alternative sources such as solar, water and wind power, with more efficient use of existing fuels such as burning natural gas directly in efficient stores rather than generating electricity with it. 5. A change in planning towards more localized communities. "The modern city is a dinosaur which will become extinct."

The study calls for an urgent and widespread debate on nuclear power the termination of which, the society believes, is "the beginning of any viable alternative strategy in the field

Energy: Where do we go from here? (Alternative Society, Rookery North, Adderbury, Oxfordshire; 70p).

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|Resort JPs cut drinking hours

Licensing magistrates for Torbay yesterday cut drinking hours at several clubs and hotels as part of a police cam-paign to beat increased drunkenness and vandalism. The decision to limit drinking

until 1 am instead of 2 am came despite pleas from the licensees. Mr Harry Mogford, of the Victoria Hotel, oTrquay, chairman of the Torquay Hotels' Association, which represents about 500 members, said of the decision: "It will be a retrograde step to Torbay as a leading resort." Prospective conference holders would find other venues.

Chief Supt Victor Thomas said some employees of licensed premises were provocative and aggressive. They were too ready to indulge in excessive violence in ejecting customers.

The number of prosecutions for drunkenness had leapt significantly. Last year about 30 licensees had been detected for drink offences involving juveniles, "a most unsatisfactory trend, which deserves censure".

It was stated that there would be an appeal to the Divisional

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e steel products for the grant was strongly sup-reportation's two ported by local authorities suffering from heavy traffic, particularly Derby, through which both the Teesside and Scunthorpe lorries have to pass if the freight came by road.

When the centre opens at the corporation's Bilston works up to 6,000 tonnes a week of coiled plate from the Lackenby works on Teesside and billets from the Appleby-Frodingham works at Scunthorpe will move in trains carrying up to 1,000 tonnes a time instead of more than 350 lorries carrying 15 to 20 tonnes.

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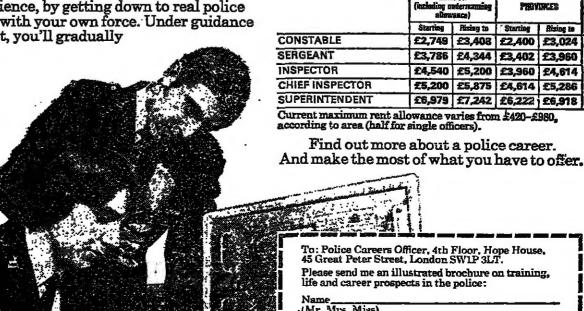
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Benefits of whooping-cough vaccination outweigh risk: compensation must await report House of Commons In the vast majority of cases, the benefits of vaccination against whooping cough vaccine it is sould wait for the Royal Commission to Steley of Medicines to unsue uniforescent during this value against other disasses without first, Mr. David Emmis, Secretary of State for Social Services (Norwhooping cough for outweigh the risks, Mr. David Emmis, Secretary of State for Social Services (Norwhooping cough for outweigh the state and to assembled by the Association and to assembled by the Association of State for Social Services (Norwhooping cough for outweigh the state and to assemble the state and to assemble the state and to assemble the state and to considering this whole fields. This is a state of compensation to consider the claims for the state of the state and to assemble the state and the state of the state and to assemble the state and the state and the state and to assemble the state and the state a

ment.

He refused to decide the case for those children compensation for those children who had suffered injury as a result of vaccination in advance of the report of the Pearson Commission. Mr Ennals said that much public concern had been expressed in the Commons and in the media, about the risk of brain damage caused by whooping cough vaccination.

He expressed sincere sympathy to the families of the small number of children who might over the years have been damaged by vac-citation. No amount of money could put right this damage.

.What we can do (he went on) is to ensure that the best medical help is given to the children, and are doing all we can under the present law to make things easier for them financially.

A wide range of services and

A wide range of services and henefits is available under the National Health Service personal social services, the social security system and the Family Fund which was extended in 1974 to help families in which there is a severely handicapped child.

to provide compensation for vac-cine-damaged children over and above the help we provide at present, and I understand the strong feelings that have been aroused on this issue. The Stan-ding Medical Advisory Committee in its evidence to the Royal Com-mission on Civil Liability and Compensation for Personal Injury, recognized that there was a reaonable case for paying compenconsidering this whole field, and it would be wrong for me to preempt

their report, which I understand is expected later this year.

I share the widespread concern for the children who may have been damaged. I hope the House will also share my concern at the alarming drop of 25 to 30 per cent in the number of vaccinations for diphtheria, tetanus and polio-myelids over the last three years, and the even steeper fall of nearly 60 per cent in whooping cough

Immunization and vaccination have dramatically improved child health in the past 40 years, but much of the gain could be lost if parents stop worrying about the dangers of diseases which have almost been wiped out by the very success of the vaccination pro-gramme, or if they fail to give protection to their children because of fears about serious side-

effects. Although there is a small risk of Although there is a small risk of brain damage from whooping cough vaccination, I am advised by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunization, chaired by Professor Sir Charles Smart-Harris, in whom I have unpiete confidence, that the policy of offering whooping cough vaccine for babies should not be charged because the gains greatly matter; the risks Whooping cough is a dangerous disease. It can lead not only to

whosping chugh is a dangerous disease. It can lead not only to brain damage but to permanent lung damage and even death. There were 4,000 cases and four deaths last year. The joint committee also advises doctors that where, in individual

against other diseases without first seeking the advice of their family doctors. Older parents will remember the days, when police and diphtheric swept across Britain. The vaccination programme will continue, But I am determined to program that the ricks of daming at a

ensure that the risks of damuse are. reduced to the absolute minimum. The kint committee have clearly stated the circumstances are clearly whooping cough vaccination is in-advisable, and information has been given to doctors on a number of occasions. But, so that there can be no doubt in anyone's mind on this. I am arranging for the most up to-date information on contra-indications to be sent again to all

doctors and to the nurses who work with them.

I am also considering what more can be done to improve linison between family doctors and clinics. so that all those administering vaccine are fully aware of contra-ludi-cations in Individual cases.

I firmly believe that the public should be aware both of the gen-eral benefits and the hazards of vaccination, and I wish to help doctors and nurses in their task of

doctors and nurses in their task of providing laformation and discussing the issues with parents.

To assist them the Health Education Council has been providing a leafler. This was revised in 1973, but together with the joint committee I am arranging for the urgent preparation of a new and more detailed version.

The joint committee have access to all the available medical and scientific knowledge, including information from the Adverse Reaction's Sub-Committee of the Committee on Safety of Medicines. I am reminding doctors to pay particular attention to the need to report to the sub-committee any damage

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- I recognize that this has been an anxious time for parents of young decision about whether to have their child vaccinated. I hope that my statement this afternoon will help them to reach a decision on this difficult matter.

I hope that such parents will be better able to understand the cirnetter and to understand the cir-cumstences in which vaccination against whooping cough is inadvis-able. But I hope too that they will appreciate that in the vast majority of cases the benefits of vaccination

far outweigh the risks.

I am sure that the House will agree that vaccination programmes play a vital part in protecting our calidren's health.

Mr Equals, in information he cir-culated, said that since diphtheria the disease in this country had fallen from 55,000 cases and nearly 3,000 deaths a year before 1942 to fewer than 10 cases and no deaths in 1976, Poliomyelitis had tallen on a similar scale. Whooping cough was down from 90,000 cases and 85 In a continuing follow-up study

to the past two tears of children immunized in a metropolitan region, involving over 80,000 doses of vaccine containing a whooping cough component, no case of permanent begin damage had yet been encountered.

Air Jack Ashley (Stoke-ou-Trent, South, Lab)—Public anxiety will not be allayed by ministerial state-ments and we have to have an independent inquiry into the effi-cacy and safety of whooping cough

ation scheme, (Cheers).

Mr Ennals-The joint committee on vaccination and immunization is an independent body including specialists in virology, immunization, epidemiology, infections diseases, general medicine, neurology, paediatrics and general practice. Those are 22 recognized experts and they are unanimous in the conclusions they have reached on the basis of all the information at their dispusal.

I do not think a separate inde pendent inquiry would establish any evidence not already available to the joint committee. On compensation. I have a great deal of sympathy with the case which Mr Ashley makes and for which he is campaigning but I fear I cannot enter into a firm commitment before the report of the Royal

The Government will consider retrospection when the Royal Commission makes its recommen-

or Gerard Vaughan, an Opposition spokesman on health and social services (Reading, South, C)—This is a special group of children. They are special because they are normal healthy children before the injection is given and they are special—and this is what distinguishes them from other disabled children—because the state recommends injections partly to protect society. Surely the state should then share the responsibility when things go wrong? (Cheers.)

Already six other countries in

Royal Commission is not itself authorized to make proposals which are retrospective does not mean that the Government are not free to decide for themselves if they wish to apply any recommen-dations that are made to children ause situation has been affected by the subsequent events.

It is true that raccination is a particular situation but it is not compulsory. Dr Vaughan refers to compensation in some European countries in which there is com-pensation—there it is compulsory. Our immunization and vacci-

nation programme is promoted and encouraged but it is left to the indement of doctors and parents as to whether vaccination should be carried out and all the disadvantages and dangers are carefully brought to the attention of doc-

Mr Laurence Pavitt (Brent, South Lab)-Will he assure me that in future there will be adequate notices to parents which are easily understandable, not complex. Im-

Already six other countries in of brain damage. Some figures Europe have recognized those responsibilities and give compening to parents. The joint commit-

estimate that on average about four children each year get brain damage from whooping cough itself. As well as this whooping cough can lead to permanent lung damage and other serious complications.

Mr Stephen Ross (Isle of Wight, Li—It is time a more definite com-mitment was given to payment of compensation. If it cannot be given in full an initial payment should be made.

Mr Ennals-I cannot go further on compensation. The family fund was extended in 1974 in order that it can provide financial assistance. particularly to handicapped children. A number of the cases we have been talking about have been able to receive assistance.

Mr Edward Loyden (Liverpool, Garston, Lab)—The delay and pro-crastination in resolving the com-pensation issue will result in a loss confidence by people in vacci-

Mr Ennals-I recognize the depth of feeling that exists about the case for compensation, particularly where we know, as I do, people who have been affected by this.

The Royal Commission will be reporting very soon. We must not get this out of proportion. Some of this brain damage may have been caused by vaccination, some may

There are enormous advantages not only to their children but to society as a whole that vaccination should continue. Sir John Langford-Holt (Shreus-bury, C)—When is the Royal Commission going to report?

tory of the children.
have the parents wait pensation as the paren domide children did. Mr Ennals-Tragical children suffer fre damage, but the supporthey suffer because of

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Mrs Audrey Wise Mrs Audrey Wise South-West, Lab)—Car why in the case where why in the case where; parents to undertake a not simply for the hea own children but health—for the safegua

population—that this make the matter diffi other cases of brain da. The best way for hir strate his belief that small is to say that it little to compensate the ahead with compensate Mr Ennais—it would b signation if vaccination suffered from certain

Mr Ashley unsuccessi leave to initiate an debate to press for at vaccine and the need for

Statement promised on complaints of abuses in social security system

Social Security said he hoped soon to make an interesting statement about abuses of the social security system following an analysis of complaints and letters received from Mr Jain Sproat (Aberdeen, South C)

Mr Sproat had asked him how Mr Sproat had asked him how many persons at the latest available date were receiving more perweek in tax-free social security henetits, including benefits in cash and in kind, than they would receive if they were working for the average taxed wage.

Mr Orme (Salford, West, Lab)-it is not possible to give a figure, but the number is certainly very small. Mr Spront—There is something desperately wrong with a system in which, on the admission of the chairman of the Supplementary Benefits Commission, 20 per cent of those are better off not working or mose are better our not working than they would be working. This figure does not include possibly another 20 per cent who are only marginally better off working than they would be not working.

Would he introduce legislation to tax benefits, if he is going to tax every other source of incume, and to make contain these is in imposto make certain that it is impos-sible to earn more by not working than it is by working?

People could enter the security

industry almost on coming straight

out of Pentonville or Wormwood Scrubs, Mr Bruce George (Walsall

South, Lab) said when he success-

fully sought leave to introduce his Registration of Private Security

Firms Bill.

He said this industry employed up to 200,000 people and was by and large reputable, but there was an overwhelming need for a licens-

I am concerned (he said) with the ease with which people with trious criminal records can eater

the industry as directors or guards.

This ease is quite alarming.
All someone requires is an entry
in Yellow Pages, a guard dog,
some old uniforms, some letter-

ing or registration system.

to misquote, and he has just mis-quoted the chairman of the Supple-mentary Benefits Commission. The figures he was referring to relate to one in 10 possibly, but taking into account other factors we believe the figure is much higher than that in regard to the people who are supposed to be detrauding the system.

who are supposed to be derrauding the system.

A person with average weekly earnings of £67 gross in November, 1976, with a wife and four children, paying average rent and rates, would have a net weekly income of £49.54. If he was receiving all henefits, including earnings related he would he active. related, he would be setting 546.53; but the important thing is that after the earnings related has ceased—it was introduced to shield people during immediate unem-ployment—the figure would be below £40 a week.

We are talking here about large families with a great number of children. Air Sproat is attacking the children in these families. (Labour cheers.) Mr Russell Kerr (Houndow, Fel-tham and Heston, Lab)—Many MPs. at least on this side, are heaving increasingly irritated by Mr Sproat's attempts to protect his waning political fortunes by this type of puerile question.

would send it to the Home Office.

There were certain crimes that should be incompatible with men-

bership of a security company responsible for guarding people's lives and property. There should be some form of

working party set up within the Home Office investigating the in-dustry and the appropriate form of

registration.

It was ironic that if proule wanted to run a public house, driving school or enter a host of professions they had to satisfy rigid criteria first.

Will he undertake that any more attempts to ask such questions will g:t a Broax cheer?
Air Orme—The many complaints and letters I have received from Mr Sproat are being analysed by my department. I hope to make an interesting statement to the House in the not too distant future. Mrs. Jill Knight (Birmingham,

Mirs Jul Kinght (Sirmingham, Regbasion. C) for the Opposition—It is always absurd that people should obtain more money in social security benefits than when they are working. The fault lies often with the low tax threshold. Will he seek an early opportunity to discuss the matter with the Characters. with the Chancellor of the Ex-chequer? Orme—The Chancellor aware of the tax threshold and has indicated to the House that he is considering the matter. We are

talking about a small number who would have come into the category of very large families. Parliamentary notices

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Today at 2.50: Debate on standing of industry in society.

failing to claim due benefits

People should not be deterred by the campaign against social secur-ity frauds from claiming the bene-its to which they are entitled. Mr Sianley Orme, Minister for Social Security, said.

Mr Ivor Clemitson (Luton East. Lab) had asked what was Mr Orme's estimate of the total amount of means-tested benefits for which people were eligible but which were unclaimed in the last year for which such an estimate was araitable.

Mr Orme—Estimates in this field are uncertain. For family income supplement and free welfare milk. it is estimated that unclaimed benefits amount to about fim and f12m.

For supplementary benefit the

For supplementary benefit the amount is clearly much larger, but no reliable figures are available and the subject is being studied further in connexion with the review of the supplementary benefits scheme announced last Seprember when the annual report of the Supplementary Benefits Commission for 1975 was published.

Issued.

The report suggested that the 1974 take-up rate, in terms of numbers of persons eligible for benefit, had been of the order of 75 per cent, but this does not provide an adequate indiration of the amount of unclaimed benefit. Mr Clemitson-Would it not be media and certain MPs spent more of their time seeing that people in need get the benefits to which they are entitled—Labour cheers-rather than making often wildly inaccurate statements about alleged abuse of social security?

Mr. Orme—The large number of people who do not take up their benefits is an indication that many

effect that in Dorset the amount of detected social security fraud has multiplied threefold in 12 months? Is that equally so in other parts of the country?

Government are not going to allow people to use fraud in the social Security system.

My department pay out something like £10,000m a year in benefit. Last year the department was defrauded of £1,600,000.

Many people Windscale inquiry not prejudiced by Bill increasing financial limits for nuclear industry-Mr Benn accepted it in good faith.

The Nuclear Industry (Finance)
Bill did not prejudge the planning inquiry in respect of Windscale. Mr Anthony Berm, Secretary of State for Industry (Bristol, Southeast, Lab) said when he moved the second reading of the Bill.

He said this Bill dealt with British Nuclear Fuels Ltd, with the Radiochemical Centre Ltd and National Nuclear Corporation Ltd.

This plant would require about 1982-83. And to allow for inflation the limit would be ruised to Ethion, with power to go to Ethion. But even without the reprocessing plant his department and the company felt Efform would be needed.

Throughout the world there was a debate about nuclear power and

Radiochemical Centre Ltd and National Nuclear Corporation Ltd. It raised the financial limits imposed by the Atomic Energy Authority Act, 1971, and permitted Government loan guarantees necessary for the raising of money of BNFL. It provided some Government guarantees for BNFL in the event of it being necessary to refund any advance payment. It to refund any advance payments. It

The Bill did not prejudge the Windscale planning inquiry. They were providing statutory authority for ENFL which would not be

for ENFL which would not be activated unless and until the planning authority was given.

A Liberal amendment to the Bill which had been tabled—i The Speaker had indicated it was not selected)—had raised the question of the disposal decisions about nuclear waste. A number of alternative disposal methods were before tive disposal methods were being considered. Some method of disposal must be found and this point was in hand.

The amendment also raised questions about the return of plutonium following reprocessing.
This was a matter of considerable interest because of the use to which plutonium could be put. It had been a clear provision of existas contracts for reprocessing from abroad that the plutonium should be handled under full afeguards. It was important that ENFL should be able to keep open with

taking reprocessing business should the outcome of the inquiry be permission to build the oxidized fuel reprocessing plant.

Another question that arose was in relation to further business which was available and in which it

dures along these lines.

He could assure the House that this in no way prejudiced the outcome of the planning procedure.

BNFL had been a financial suc-

a debate about nuclear power and some of its aspects. One was safe ty; another was about nuclear ter-rorism which had nothing of itself to do with nuclear power but was concerned with the possibility of science by a hostile force of plutonium with the possibility of plackmail. Another matter was the possibility of some threat to civil liberties deriving from remedies necessary to deal with nuclear ter-

There was the question of the link between civil nuclear develop-ment and nuclear proliferation and there was also the argument put forward by those with another view as to the need for nuclear power. These questions must be faced and could not be dismissed as the work of cranks or subver-

Ministers and MPs respond by seeing that adequate information was made available before a decision was taken. The decision must be a political one or they would be abdicating their res-ponsibilities to experts.

It was important and urgent that the industry should know where it stood on the thermal programme. He hoped to make progress on this. though the House would not be surprised to learn that it did not follow that the pace of this country's nuclear programme would follow precisely that of other countries where other fuel sources were not available.

The full-scale development of nuclear power, including the fast breeder reactor, was neither self-evidently inevitable nor self-evi-dently wrong. Like most thought-ful MPs, not being in any way expert in the matter, he wanted to hear more and to know more and wanted more time before some of these decisions were made. They had the time in which to do it.

Mr Tom King, Opposition spokes-man on energy (Bridgwater, C), said Mr Benn's timing was not of the highest order in introducing the Bill. Windscale was much in their minds, they had recently had an incidence of leaks of radioactian incheme of least of radioactivity, there had been considerable press publicity over health hazards, and the Flowers report had andoubtedly helghtened public The contentious matter was

oxide reprocessing which was the subject of a possible public inquiry. His understanding was that the position was perfectly well protected and that, even with the Bill, if there was no planning permission here would be no contracts and no need for guarantees.

Elies would not seek to obstruct the passage of the Bill but there were a number of questions they would be probing closely.

would be probing closely.

There was some indication that President Carter, or his Government, were opposed to the Japanese shipping any fuel for reprocessing to Europe. He wished he had more confidence that the question of waste disposal was being pursued with the urgency that was necessary. Unless this was pursued with the urgency that was necessary. Unless this was resulted, the future nuclear programme was dust.

It could just he that nuclear energy might be the only possible way to fill the energy gap. The need to maintain options in this neld was important. The option of nuclear power would not be kept unless research into waste was approximately much more actively.

pursued much more actively. Mr Arthur Palmer (Bristol, North-East, Lab) said nuclear and coal stations were not competitive, but complementary. Coal mining was likely to decline through lack of miners and towards the end of the century oil and natural gas sup-piles from the North Ses were likely to be exhausted; hence a large nuclear capacity could be

Fie had wurked in a coal-fired power shation and knew from exper-rence that it was still more dan-gerous to life and limb to work in one than in the relatively calm. austere atmosphere of a nuclear reactor station.

If extreme environmentalists wanted to do without nuclear power they should be consistent and work on desert islands for 14 and work on desert islands for 14 bt. ors a day growing their own food. Even brown bread and sandais sold at Marks and Spencers needed electricity to make them. Air Hagh Fraser (Stafford and Stone, C) said Mr Benn must tell the House soon what the energy relies of this country the energy policy of this country was going to be over the next 20 years. A deci-sion should also be taken soon on ways to keep export of nuclear fuel, plant and machinery effec-

Air Robin Cook (Edinburgh, Central, Lab) said a report of the Committee on Public Accounts, re-ferring to BNFL's finances, said the programme should not go ahead unless there were good pro-pects, carefully assured, of a fully adequate return, bearing in mind the degree of commercial risk inthe degree of commercial risk m-volved. It was clear the only people who were going to take a commercial risk were the public and the taxpayers.

There were strong grounds for doubting the economics of repro-

cessing plant. For two decades this country had put a large amount of investment into the nuclear in-dustry. They were reaching the point where the Concorde syndrome was in danger of serting in.

plutonium be transpo the United Kingdom suitable for making a home-made bomb. that no further overs would be accepted in until the exprocessing proved to work, the t process was proved to safe disposal place wa that materials when objectives were achieved.

Mr Frank Hooley (Shilley, Lab) said it was Bill, It was part of the progression to the use breeder reactor whi-others had serious re Mir Peter Rost (South-shire, C) said if the more of an open appro of the problems they now be faced with son

country's long-term in Mr James Marsball hir Trever Skeet (Bed that with the long le volved in setting up Government's policy

ing the problems w spokesman on energy Cromarty, C) said the in Scotland and Wales

waste. But it was wr which might stir up ar where anxiety was not Mr Alexander Badie, tary for Energy (Mid) said the House would. thetic to suggestions: time in the EEC that ohead with the whole : establishing a system fusion. In dealing with Dr.

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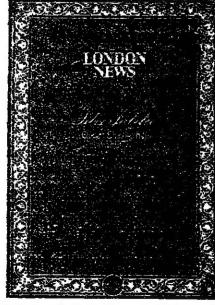
The Bill was read a y 196 votes to 22majority, 174.

Attlee memorial A message was received. Queen consenting to the erect a memorial to the

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criminals in security firms



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Dossier being compiled on | Defeat on marriage

The Statue Law (repeals) Bill was read a second time.

The Marriage (Scotland) Bill was considered on report.
On Clause 8 (Persons who may

exempt from registration

and mose not exempt.

Lord Campbell of Croy (C), for
the Opposition, said there would
be a three-tier structure in any
case because of the unique position
of the Church of Scotland. The

from the amendment.

of marriage.
Lady Elliot of Harwood (C) said
that what Lord Kirkhill was saying
was that the recognition of the
established Church of Scotland was

headed notepaper and they are in business as a private security firm. He said he was in the process of drawing up a dossier with a fist of people employed in the industry with serious criminal records and yould send it to the Home Ordina House of Lords

solemnize marriage), Lord Macteod of Frinary moved an amendment to include ministers of the Established Church of Scot-

He said the purpose was to bring level the established Church of Scotland with the established Church of England in the matter of

It was not the intention of the Government to alter or designate the status of the Church of Souland now or in the future. The

Scotland, those specified under the regulations and those not specified under the regulations. The Government wished to livide them into two categories, which meant exemption from the rules about marriage ceremonies, and those not exempt.

land to mose clergymen prescribed by Government regulations entitled to solemnize marriages.

the state's relationship to the two
established churches.
Lord Kirkhill, Minister of State,
Scottish Office, said there was no
established Church of Scotland, No
practical advantage would result
from the amendment

Scotland flow or in the future. The Government did not see the Bill as making any alteration in the church's status generally or in regard to its authority in matters of marriage.

established Church of Scotland was not a fact of history. It was, How-ever much it was left out of an Act of Parliament, it was in fact already in history. Lord Kirkhill said he was trying to draw a distinction betwen the marriage practice in the Church of England and that which obtained in the Church of Scotland. The Government considered that

The Government considered that to make the distinction would divide the religious bodies into three categories, the Church of Scotland that the church of th

amendment deserved to be suported.
The amendment was carried by 121 votes to 43, majority against the Government—78. The report stage was concluded.

people are not rushing to get every benefit which the state is offering. We are concerned that many we are concerned that many people who are emitted, and not least eiderly people, are being deterred from benefit take-up because of the campaign which has gone on throughout this country. (Renewed Labour cheers.) Air Evelyn King (South Dorset, C)—has he noted the statistics issued by his department to the

Mr Orms-The figures he has given are an indication that the

was necessary for the company to continue to discuss contracts with prospective customers and to take these, if necessary, to the point of concluding provisional contracts that would be conditional on the outcome of the planning appli-cation for the oxide plant and would be acceptable to him as Secretary of State. He was in dis-cussion with them about proce-

cess. In looking at the 10-year corporate plan submitted by the company at the end of 1975 the range of its potential business became much more apparent.

The new corporate plan provided for a single reprocessing plant for home and others to be the processing plant for the plant f

home and overseas, subject NHS facing problems realistically

The time might come when further change in the organization of the National Health Service would have to be made. Mr David Emails, Secretary of State for Sucial Services (Norwich, North, Lah) seld during questions about the appointment of outside public relations consultants by regional health authorities.

Dr Gerard Vaughan, Opposition spokesman on the social services (Reading, South, C), asked if Mr Ennals agreed with the view of the Royal College of Surgeons that low morale was one of the problems in the NHS.

Public relations officers the said) will not be the answer but a better relationship between the minister and the health service Mr Ennals—I am not going to comment on all the published evi-dence to the royal commission but I am getting a little tired of evi-dence which starts off with a state-ment that the Health Service is on the belief of director is to the

trying to face them restrictedly. No service is performed for the NHS or patients by exaggerating such a situation.

Air Laurence Pavitt (Brent, South. Lab)—The previous administration paid £250,000 to a firm of consultants. McKinsey, for their services on the reorganization of the Health Service. That reorganization has been an unmitigated disaster and the firm now say they gave the wrong advice.

Would the minister seek to get the £250,000 back for the taxpayer? (Labour cheers.)

Mr. Runals—I thought it was

remarkable that the firm that assisted the former Secretary of State. Sir Reith Joseph, in his efforts to reorganize the NHS have efforts to reorganize the Kils have recognized that it was a disaster. When we hear Conservative MPs criticizing the expenditure on administration within the Health Service, we have to recognize it was they who imposed the seem on us. (Labour theers.) I am not going to accept criti-cism from them. I am having to fight hard the squeeze of the im-

Health Service. I have not heard a soul defend the position the previous minister took up. He added-I have not sought to

that planning can more effectively be done as a result of reorganiza-tion. We knew on our side that the Health Service needed to be reor-The time may come when a fur-ther change will have to be made. But it would be very unwise for any Secretary of State now to try to throw the service into some new traumatic reorganization. It would not be in the interests of the patients.

Mr John Gilbert, Minister of State for Defence, in a written renty. said the Queen's Silver Jubilec medal was expected to be awarded to some 9.000 members of the armed forces. Merit and length of service would be among the criteria which would be applied. Some of the medals would be awarded to personnel raking part in the Jubilee ceremonies.

Trebling public spending on mobility for disable

The review of the level of the Mr Dafydd Wigley (C mobility allowance will be urried out in adequate time to introduce the new increase from November, Air Alfred Morris, Minister for the Disabled (Manchester, Wythenshowe, Lab) said during question time.

Mr David Price (Eastleigh, C) had

asked—Wheo the allowance is in-creased, will it be sufficient to take care of the substantial inflation in travel costs? Will it be safricient to assist disabled people to acquire a car?

Mr Morris—I cannot anticipate
the review. We have said repeatedly that we hope to maintain the real value of the allowance, and, if possible, to increase

l cannot 20 farther than the Secretary of State's letter to dis-abled drivers. I am closely in rough i'th the Central Council for the Disabled about their consideration of arrangements to help distibled drivers who want to purchase cars on their own.

Cymru)—There is gi with the apper limit lity allowance scher delay in allowing it f to 60 or 65. There is to allow it to peop Particularly in rura mobility allowance is even more so for thos even more so to.

Mr Morris—This is t. is—an essential beaefi all kinds of pressure those people who wa the age range, include increase the amount ance immediately. We are in the proce

public expenditure on the disabled. I will to help as many disable; possible to improve the hir blorris—There are applications being proidere for the most part behalf of children group. The benefit with them from April 13.

Parity in divorce for Ulster

such situation.

Lord Dunieath (C) moved the second reading of the Divorce Reform (Northern Ireland) Bill which he said sought parity of the law in Northern Ireland with that in England since the passing of the Divorce Reform Act, 1969, in Eagland, an Act which nad been reasonably satisfactory.

The Bill, like the 1969 Act, did

The Bill, like the 1969 Act, did not make divorce cheaper or of less consequence. It provided an opportunity for reconcibation, tried to cut out accusations and acrumony and to reduce the risk of physical violence when a marriage had been broken but could not be Lord Melchett. Minister of State for Northern Ireland . and the report of the Standing Advisory

expected to come during the spring. While the Government were avaiding those views they did not oppose the principle of this Bill, or underestimate its value. They welcomed it.

the brink of disaster. It is in no

There are major problems which the NHS is having to face and it is

Lord Simon of Glaisdale, a Lord of Appeal, said that he was tor many years president of the divorce divi-sion in England. This Bill, like its predecessor in 1969, was the embodiment of humbug and injustice. It recapitulated a number of old grounds and added to them the right of a man to repudiate his wife because she had ceased to find favour in his eyes after he had deserted her for five years and then deemed it to be a breakdown of marriage.

It was the merest pretence that it substituted breakdown of marriage as the sole ground for divorce. The Sill claimed it was doing something which it was not. The long title stated that it facilitated reconciliation. Similar provisions in the 1969 Act had proved doed forter. It was extended to the concentration of the conc

mediate management costs within the efficient administration of the

that after eight years in which a providing that after eight years in which a provision had been proved to be a dead letter it was seriously put forward in the long title and claimed as a merit of the Bill.

The Bill if enacted would actively to the seriously put the seriously put the long title and claimed as a merit of the Bill. vely encourage one parent families by enabling a man to repudiate his wife after five years' separation even though she had stood by her marriage in every way and no com-

plaint could be made against her.

The Bill was read a second time.

Stopping evil men getting detonators or building u Viscount Brookeborough, moving the second reading of the Detona-tors Bill, said that the legislation controlling the manufacture, distribution and use of explosives was the 1875 Explosive Substances Act. There was a strong case for re-

writing that Act with equal emphasis on safety and security. This Bill did not attempt to do that. It was a modest first step but if its principles were accepted it would be an important move. It would be a live a lively more difficult for make it a little more difficult for evil men to procure detonators. The Bill made mandatory and extended the existing overt geograrecords of what happened to det-

Lord Barris of Greenwich, Minister of State, Home Office, said that the proposals in the Bill, action in well intentioned, were unucles: Premises where explosives in-

ciuding detonators were made and kept were inspected by HM laspectors of Explosives and local auth-orities. The police were always consulted about security consider-All aspects of the security of explosives were kept under review. Security controls could and would be introduced if necessary under the powers which existed under the

the powers which existed under the Health and Safety at Work Act.

detonators.

Existing statutory of United Kragdom alrea, substantial proportion to possis in the Bill whi the keeping of records already available were deal with the problem.

The Bill was read time.

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icy had neiped con-enjoy secure supplies ers' stable markets, but also realize that the threatened as never petary fluctuations had the single market and ad lack of outlets limis policies for agriomic objectives, and with the overriding ombat inflation. Prothis year's farm prices ramed in this context, doubt that the prudent id be one of price mod-

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r encouraged already ic and positive atti-delegations of the ide union and the rganizations, which see me at the end of ve look forward to

the social parmers

building on the tripartite con-ference initiative of last year.

Together with the council we have to forge practical links between the predominantly national economic policy of indi-vidual countries: to provide soundly-based technical solutions to Europe's economic problems: and to underpin these solutions by consensus not only between gov-eruments but between the interest groups concerned.

roups concerned.

The work of analysis and coordination was only a beginning.
It must be supported by the selective intervention of the Community in the European economy as a whole.

One of the first steps the new commission took areas.

commission took was to organize its portfolios so as to assure a proper policy coordination and budgetary control of the existing funds, the present tools were of

First, there were structural instruments, the regional and social funds and the European Investment Bank. Second, there were loans to assist in balance of payments financing.

Proposals will soon be made (the said) to receive the regional

Proposals will soon be made (he said) to renew the regional and social funds, but these funds provide only small openings into two of our fundamental policy priorities. We must see regional policy pot just as a matter of renewing and spending a tiny regional fund, but as one of the main dimensions of Community economic policy as a whole: by the same token, social and employments policy as a whole: by the same token, social and employments policy go much wider than the social fund.

Further initiatives are therefore needed as well. In the first place, the Commission undertakes to devise a general policy to concentrate its present and future financial resources on the central problem of economic divergence. But that is not, in itself, enough on the one hand. The existing funds are extremely small—both absolutely, and in comparison with the sums spent by the member states on similar authors. For example, the Comin comparison with the sums spent by the member states on similar purposes. For example, the Com-munity's regional and social funds are operating at rates of around one-sixth to one-tenth of national expenditure in the same field. The funds are also restricted by narrow and rigid criteria.

On the other hand we have a community loan mechanism which has proved itself useful in the past, but which has been designed to deal essentially with balance of payments problems.

I believe that between these two kinds of financial activity there is a gap which must be filled if the Community is to be of genuine help to its weaker economies. help to its weaker economies.

We must devise a more diversified and flexible means of responding to the urgent needs of various parts of the Community economy—a means which takes account of the fact that the underlying causes of cyclical problems are often structural. We need the means to enable the root causes of economic weakness to be tackled vigorously but flexibly.

vigorously but flexibly. We shall work out our !deas and consult member states about how they can best be put into effect. A solution could not be found overnight, but nor could they choose deliberately a long delay before action. The blunt truth was that there is no costless way of mastering the forces of divergence. But the weaker economies should be be belief unconditionally.

not be helped unconditionally. As the Community funds were deve-loped, the Community must seek methods of ensuring that the pro-per disciplines were observed. That did not alter the central fact. If economic union was to be more than a phrase, both the richer and the poorer nations of the Communications of

richer and the poorer nations of the Community must accept the reality of the Community's role. The third area in which a new advance was needed was industrial policy. Europe's industry was the principal creator of wealth and the role of the Community was to create conditions in which manu-

facturing industry and commerce could prosper.

They must pursue the practical work of removing barriers to trade through harmonizing company law. competition law, and taxes, but they should not indulge in a bureaucratic game of harmonization for harmonization, sake. tion for harmonization's sake. Unless we can be sure the said! that our proposals will lead to more trade, and better conditions for producers or consumers, there is no point in making them.

The Community also had a role to play in industries such as textiles and footwear which were in difficulties because of increased competition from the third world. Here it had a double responsibility. At a different level, it had an even more important role in advanced technology—the aircroft two obvious spectacult examples—but there were others

examples—out mere were others where the private sector could not undertake investment on the necessary scale, where state intervention was therefore indispensable, and where common action promised significant economies of scale.

A Community strategy for these

A Community strategy for these sectors was urgently required, and one of the main priorities of industrial policy would be to achieve such a strategy.

Fourthly, the Community must develop a coordinated energy policy. At a time of expensive energy, the Community must face up to the need for conservation and increased self-sufficiency. This required the development of new energy sources, where risks could be great and investment losts high. The JET thermonuclear fusion The JET thermonuclear fusion project which the Commission was project which the commission was impatient to see agreed provided perhaps the best example. The in-terests of the European taxpayer of today demanded a quick deci-sion and the interests of the Euro-pean citizen of tomorrow

pean citizen of I demanded a positive one. At the same time, it should give a lead in developing a Community strategy for handling the fission

nuclear energy problems, in particular in emphasizing its concern for nuclear safety.

Fifthly, the Commission must help in attacking the problem of structural unemployment. The broad decisions which determined total demand were matters for the member states. The Commission should do all in its power to persuade them to coordinate their policies so as to achieve a balanced economic recovery which did not Community. It should not assure responsibility for demand man ment which it could not fulfil. ment which it could not fulfil.

Structural unemployment was a different matter. Full employment could not be achieved simply by stimulating demand, and an unacceptably high-level of unemployment might well persist, at any rate in the more vulnerable areas and among the more vulnerable groups of workers, even when economic recovery was running strongly.

strongy.

Here they would try to provide coordinated labour market policies throughout the Community, working closely with the member governments and both sides of industry.

Community policies must help directly to improve the lot of the cidzen.

In our concern with the great issues of economic and industrial policy (he said), we must never forget the overriding need to carry the people of Europe with us. If they fall to see the need for common solutions to common problems, then common solutions will not, in the end, be adopted.

If they fall to recognize that the general interest of the Community can transcend the particular interests of the member states, then the general interest of the Community will not prevail. But a sense of common European identity cannot be fostered by exhortation. We must make the Community a practical reality in terms of everyday like.

terms of everyday life. The Commission had a duty to ensure that the Community lived up to the ideals on which its civili-ration was based—to protect the environment against the dangers of environment against the dangers or unregulated industrial growth, to protect the weak against exploi-tation, to safeguard individual freedom and to enhance oppor-

(he said), and where our member states can act alone effectively and consistently we should not attempt to duplicate.

In the period leading up to the direct election of the European Parliament, these practical, often detailed, proposals had a special innovation. importance. It was too soon to tell exactly what the role of a directly elected Parliament would be, or precisely what effect direct elections would have on its relationship with the other institutions of the Community, but some things were clear. were clear.

As the Community developed and the Community hudger in-creased in size, the need for direct democratic accountability became democratic accountability became steadily more pressing. The old principle of no taxation without representation could not be fully honoured by an indirectly elected assembly, however scrupulously it discharged its responsibilities.

To deny the need for direct elections at this stage in the Community's history was to deny one of the fundamental axioms of

representative democracy.

Direct elections would in them selves help to foster a sease of common identity among the elec-tors. The members returned in these elections would come as Europeans. They would seek to promote the interests of their con-stituents at a European, rather than at a national level, and would base their claim to reelection on their performances in a Enropean, rather than in a national, forum.

rather than in a national, forum.

The Commission had two clear objectives: to ensure that each voter was aware of the ways in which his own life was affected by decisions taken at Community level and of the way in which he could affect the tendency of thuse decisions by casting his vote and ensuring that the Commission was aware of the attitudes and aspirations of the voters.

we cannot proclaim a European ideal and a European solution (he said) and yet refuse to let European countries anxious and democratically qualified to join from participating in it.

The Community could take pride

in the fact that there were applicants at its door: it was a sign that it was a railying point for democracy and for economic advance, but the prospects of enlargement also presented it with responsibility and difficulty. Our talks with applicant countries have (he said) to be carefully planned to face overly the major problems which enlargement will present both for the Community

The Community must strengthen itself in order to support further enlargement. We must be ready and sympathetic to letting the building grow, but we must not

and for applicant countries.

By basing future talks or by busing future talks on grounds of realism and perspective they would be more likely to make a genuine and effective contribution to European unity. The Commission would be sympathetic to enlargement but would insist that the problems be faced and not elossed over. glossed over.

They had to strike a difficult and delicate balance. They must not promise what they could not achieve, but they must not limit the real possibilities of achievement by a deadening cantion or an fuability to lift their sights.

We want our deeds to be a little better than our words (he concluded). Let us always do more than we promise to do. In this way the great institutions we represent will be in a real and practical sense the means by which we so forward. the means by which we go forward, the very engine of Europe.

WEST EUROPE



Mr Yigal Allon (left), Israel's Foreign Minister, signs "with heavy heart" in Brus yesterday as Mr Crosland, President of the EEC Council of Ministers, looks on.

Israel signs 'unsatisfactory' EEC aid pact after strong protest

In a speech strikingly shorn of diplomatic niceties, Mr Yigal Allon, Israel's Foreign Minister, mday told his EEC counterparts that he was signing a new financial aid. ing a new financial aid agreement between his country and the Community with a heavy

heart."

The agreement, which provides for up to 30m units of account (about £18m) to be made available to Israel in loans from the European Investment Bank over the next five years, was described by Mr Allon as "very limited in its extent and unsatisfactory in

its terms Israel had been entitled to hope, he said, that the sum "put at our disposal for investment needs would have borne some direct relationship to our negative trade balance with the Community" and also "preserved an appropriate propor-tion in relation to the aid made available to other coun-

Mr Allon was referring to the series of preferential trade and financial aid agreements which the EEC has signed with a string of Arab countries.

Irish President

seeks investors

from Germany

much more generally been much more generous than the agreement signed with Israel, justifiably reflecting, in the EEC's view, the greater needs

of the Arab nations. Despite all its scientific and social achievements, Mr Allon told the Nine, Israel was "still a developing country and is contending with difficult problems of development, problems of development, security and the absorption of immigrants". The new agreement had failed to provide an answer to these problems.

answer to these problems.

Despite a reduction of 25 per cent in the current year his country's trade deficit still stood at \$2,000m (about £1,176m) and "a large part of this is accounted for by the nature of our trade with the Community". Israel was importing twice as much from the EEC as it exported to it, an imbalance which the EEC would not tolerate in its own

trade relations. Mr Allon also warned the EEC that its dialogue with the Arab countries should not seek to "deal with the problem of the Israel-Arab conflict in the a danger, that the dialogue "might become a politically

diminish, not enhance, the role of Europe in the Middle East in various ways?. The timing of these uncom

promising remarks was hardly accidental Later this week the general commission of the so-called Buro-Arab dialogue, which brings together senior officials of both sides, meets in Tunis, ostensibly to discuss plans for greater commercial and economic cooperation beand economic cooperation be-Arab League countries

and the Community. The Nine have, however, been under constant pressure from the Arabs to bring political questions within the scope of the dialogue. So far this pressure has been resisted by the EEC, but Israel evidently fears that the Community's res olution may be weakening.

Today's financial aid proto-col was the missing element in a preferential trade agreement signed by the EEC and Israel in 1975. Much to Israel's annoyance at the time, the Community decided to post-pone the inclusion of the aid component until after negotistions on similar agreements with various Arab had been completed.

Doubts on neutrality of Spanish forces remain

From Our Correspondent Madrid, Feb 8

Cologne, Feb 8.—President Hillery of Ireland told German industrialists here today that West Germany would get priority for industrial investie Army chief staff of the "neutrality" of the nent in Ireland. Spanish armed forces in the face In a speech to the federation of German Industries he said Ireland was looking increas-ingly to West Germany for furof the democratic reforms being carried out by King Juan

"The priority which it is in-tended to give to the Federal Republic in this regard is demonstrated by the expansion here of the activities of the

Irish Industrial Development authority", he told leading executives of German industry. President Hillery, who is on a state visit here, said Ireland offered German firms the advantages of a stable democracy and an economic and social environment favourable to foreign investors. They were also given very substantial in-centives, he added.

Earlier the President and Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Irish Foreign Minister, had talks with Herr Schmidt, the Chan-cellor, and Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minis-

A Bonn Foreign Ministry communiqué said the two ministers dealt particularly with plans for direct elections to a European Parliament in 1978. They agreed that the pro-cess of European unification must be pursued despite the disparities between Community's nine member states.—Reuter.

Jeanne Moreau married Paris, Feb 8 -- Jeanne Moreau. the French film actress, who is 49, was married in Paris today to William Friedkin, aged 38, the American producer of The French Connection and The

gal's Prime Minister, is expec-ted to submit when he begins

a tour of European capitals in

London on February 14 and 15.

The Council of Ministers, under the chairmanship of Mr

Crosland, the Foreign Secretary,

lems before entry negotiations

From Our Correspondent staff: "In exceptional circum-madrid, Feb 8 staves, the Army might fill a New assurances given here never displace the legitimete

Carlos' Government have not quite satisfied the doubters. In an interview with the respected evening paper Informaciones, Lieutenant General José Vega Rodríguez called the armed forces "unbiesed spectators of the political process". Earlier in the day, the morning papers had also given promi-nent headlines to a speech delivered yesterday by Lieu-tenant General Manuel Guter-Malledo the military Victoria rez Mellado, the military Vice-Premier. In this he referred to the "obligation of neutrality of the armed forces.

This evening's article carried this admission by the chief of

Portugal cuts

newspapers

size of

In view of constant rumblings about discontent in the Army, Navy and Air Force and low morale in police ranks, that as many might have wished. Worriers pointed out that the military of any country would hardly attempt any action against existing authority with-out first declaring that authority to be illegitimate.

Madrid, Feb 8.—The Govern-

Madrid, Feb 8.—The Government tonight took a big step towards legalizing most political parties but gave itself the right to refer doubtful cases, presumably the Communist Party, to the Supreme Court.

A decree approved by a Cabinet meeting said that political parties would no longer have to be approved by the Interior Ministry.—Reuter. Interior Ministry.-Reuter.

Strikers ordered back to work in Holland

The Hague, Feb 8

A judge in Utrecht tonight ordered Dutch trade unions to suspend strike action at four meat processing factories for a cooling off period of 16 days, after which unions and employers must report to him on progress made towards negotiations.

It was the second success for employers trying to get Dutch industry back to normal. Last friday, the dairy industry suc-cessfully warded off strike action planned for yesterday by obtaining a similar order from the same judge.

During an emergency debate in Parliament tonight, forced by the Liberal opposition, mini-sters said that the Government thad no intention of interfering at this stage in the present spreading industrial conflict. Another emergency debate will be held on Thursday, this time at the demand of the Communist Party, which objects to court interference.

Today was the second day of what promises to be a long and bitter industrial battle. About 13,000 workers are on strike but many thousands more are idle as a result All ferry services to Britain are affected, with only the British Rail ships on the Harwich-Hook of Holland

Rozenburg, near Rotterdam, closed this afternoon after the unions called out the 1,800 employees, allowing only those needed to run down the chemical works safely to remain.

In the ports, tug boat sym-

pathy action prevented ships leaving. Two ships which left without rug aid, the Stellen-bosch and the Leiff Ericson, were blacked in Antwerp when they tried to unload. The Dutch are informing the British unions via the International Transport Federation of ships which have been re-routed from Dutch to

British ports.
For the first time, the Dutch were confronted today by lock-ours. The unions intend to were confronted today by lock-ours. The unions intend to challenge in court the right of employers to lock out those willing to work. The right to strike has not been established in Dutch law, and the unions argue that lockours are there-fore also illegal.

Several important provincial newspapers and some weeklies will not be published tomorrow because of printing strikes.

Public transport in Rotter-

Public transport in Rotter-dam and Amsterdam was para-lysed until 10 am today. The unions are demanding full automatic compensation in the 1977 wage agreement for the rise in the cost of living. This right has been built into

th only the British Rail ships and the Harwich-Hook of Holland but this year the employers bute in service.

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Presidential rebuke for **French Communists**

Paris, Feb 8 President Giscard d'Estaing, in a hard-hitting speech tonight at Ploermel, on the last lap of his tour of Brittany, said he would not let anyone tamper with the institutions of the Fifth Republic.

"It is not for the secretary-general of the Communist-Party to dictate to the President of the Republic what he should do in the event of the left coming to power", he declared. He was referring to M Marchais's recent statement that if the left won the parliamentary elections next year, the President would have to "sub-

mit or resign ". "I have the constitution on my side and hat is quite sufficient, he said.

Earlier, in a speech at Vannes, M Giscard d'Estaing spoke of the maritime vocation

He said thaat the extension of territorial waters to 200 miles, the progress of fisheries, the potential of aquaculture, all showed that France would soon

He announced measures to

have a real " agriculture of the

spread pollution of the Breton coast which occurred when a German tanker went aground last year.

Within six months, off Ushant and in vulnerable areas, ship-ping will be restricted to com-pulsory lanes. Territorial waters and coasts will be more closely watched, and there will be more buoys, rader equipment, and other control apparatus to ensure better respect of traffic regulations. France will also participate in an international fund to combat oil slick.

Finally, the Government will propose to its partners in the Community the launching of a common research programme to improve the techniques for combating pollution.

At Vannes, as at Quimper yesterday, there were few people on the streets. About 1,000 demonstrators carrying placards and trade union banners paraded through the centre of the town, shouting slogans such as "We're fed up with the Barre plan". They with the Barre plan". They tried to force their way past barriers in front of the town hall but were held back by riot

Sale of Giscard masks banned at carnival

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Feb 8

The decision to forbid the sale of masks with the effigy of President Giscard d'Estaing during the carnival which opens in Nice this week, has caused widespread surprise and ad-

verse comment On Sunday the police went through all the stalls in the town and confiscated offending masks. They did not however, object to those with the effigy of M Ponistiwski, the Minister of the Interior, or other political leaders. But today the authorities announced that the ban applied

to all masks caricaturing a poli-

tical, military, or religious personality. They based themselves on an order issued on January by the mayor of Nice forbidding all fancy dress which had political, religious, or military significance.

Such an order is issued every year by the committee organizing the carnival But M Jacques Medecin, the mayor and State Secretary for Tourism, said he was not in favour of banning carnival masks with the effigy of political leaders.

He put the blame for the ban on the prefectual authorities. The prefecture lays the responsibility at the door of the municipality.

Court declines to rule in Danish press dispute

From Our Correspondent Copenhagen, Feb 8

From Our Correspondent Lisbon, Feb 8 The size of Portuguese state A court declined today to aided newspapers has been restricted to 12 pages of news for broadsheets and 16 pages issue a provisional ruling on the publication of Denmark's leading morning newspaper, Berlingske Tidende, and the mass circulation paper, BT.

The editorial staff of both for tabloids.

Dr Manuel Alegre, Minister

of Social Communication, announced yesterday that the whole Portuguese press would newspapers had prepared for publication tomorrow but the magistrates court found the be reorganized. The morning newspaper O Século and the three reviews case too complicated for connected with it, were sus-pended for 90 days inday for the entire publishing house to be reorganized. Employees will

immediate ruling.

A spokesman for the newspapers said tonight that this meant the proposals submitted by the unions and the manage-ment at today's hearing would require further consideration. "We do not expect to be able to bring out a newspaper for another week now, and this will take us beyond the general election next Tuesday, February 15", he added.

federation of Employers, acting on behalf of the newspaper management, asked the court to order the printing unions to instruct their members to end dispute which has prevented instruct their members to end publication of Denmark's the deliberate obstruction which and had deprived the manage-ment of its authority.

In a counter claim the unions asked for the management to be fined for operating an unofficial lockout and ordered to open negotiations with the shop ences. Both sides urged the court to make a provisional rul-ing today so that the news-papers could be published again The management of the two newspapers wish to introduce new technology in order to reduce their losses, expected to be between £3m and £4m this

An estimated 300 of the 1,000 print workers would lose their lobs under the new scheme.

Extra time for trespassing Soviet trawlers

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, Feb 8
The EEC decided tonight to give a few more days' grace to the Soviet Union to apply for licences for at least 60 fishing boats which are now operating illegally inside Community waters, mainly British.

Last month the Russians were offered licences for 27 named vessels, of which no more than 17 would be allowed to fish in the EEC's 200-mile zone at any one time. The 10 days which the Russians were given to apply for licences expired last night

Answer on paper to prison escapes

Rome, Feb 8 .- A left wing senator has asked the Italian Government to introduce paper bedsheets in all prisons to stop inmates from escaping by tying sheets into ropes.—AP.

UN plan for clean Mediterranean

From Our Correspondent

The United Nations Environ-

The UNEP draft is being discussed by delegates from 16 of the 18 Mediterranean coastal states at a series of private meetings in Athens this week. Albania and Syria are not rep-

Annexed to the draft proto-col is a "black list" of seven groups of chemical substances whose discharge in the Mediterranean would eventually be pro-

hibited. These include mercury, oils and radioactive

There is also a "grey list" of less toxic substances which could be dumped into the sea with authorization from states concerned regarding the location, manner, and frequency of

the discharge.
The UNEP draft expresses the resolve of the coastal countries to "adopt in close cooperation with themselves and with the competent groups of the United Nations system, a co-ordinated programme for the control of pollution in the Mediterranean emanating from

land-based sources". mainly over priorities. they will proceed to the elaboration of a convention to pledge themselves "to take all appropriate measures to pre-vent, abate, and progressively eliminate the pollution of the Mediterranean sea that comes from land-based sources in their territories."

The agreement will not provide for sanctions since there would be no international force to impose them. But UNEP officials are confident that the governments themselves have a vested interest in keeping pollution to a minimum in a The meetings in Athens have sea used by their own peoples revealed a good deal of disagreement among delegations, are a substantial source of fevenue.

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sectors. The Community had to develop its own resources; they needed to economize sensibly, and to make sure that as a result of these steps the solidarity which was needed was brought about. They could not afford a repetition of the shameful situation which occurred in 1974.

Indigenous sourcew had to be developed. North Sea oil would help but would not be enough. By 1985 solar energy would provide 3 per cent of what was needed and geothermal energy 1 per cent. That was needed and geothermal energy 1 per cent. That geothermal energy i per tent. Indi-took them back to coal and nuclear energy. But the coal situation was bad. It was only available at an economic price in Britain.

The Commission was putting for-

It had been hoped that by 1985 nuclear energy would produce 13 per cent of the Communy's needs. This would not now be obtained. The figure was more likely to be 9 per cent.

than wearing long underpants. The proposals had to be dove-ailed to reflect the interests of all tailed to reflect the interests of all member states and the govern-ments must recognize that without a modicum of solidarity all would

There needed to be a joint plan for fuel saving and proposals would be put to the Council of Ministers which were a sittle more than wearing long undergants. The guarded tone reflects serious differences within the Community over the implications of Portugal's imminent application. The EEC is already respond to an approach from

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, Feb 8 Spain before the end of the

Lisbon's entry application

EEC foreign ministers decided here today to give a heavily qualified welcome to the application to join the Community which Dr Soares, Portu-Britain and West Germany appear to be most strongly in favour of Portuguese member-ship, believing the the political benefits of bringing Portugal's fledgling democracy within the EEC greatly outweigh the economic problems involved. agreed to tell Dr Soares that while they welcome his country's political commitment to Europe, solutions will have to be found for economic, social, financial and agricultural problems before after perotiations.

counterparts. Other member states, such as Ireland, are worried about the

receive full pay during the sus

to get qualified welcome

France and Italy are much more concerned about the economic questions, especially as the Portuguese negotiations could set a precedent for Spain, whose farmers would provide severe competition to their southern French and Italian

mpact of further enlargement on the future development of the EEC's institutions. In particular the Irish feel that there must be greater recourse to application. The EEC is already majority voting in the Council engaged in entry negotiations of Ministers if a community of with Greece and may have to 10 or 11 members is to remain

At today's hearing the Con-

Arhens, Feb 8

ment Programme has proposed a set of 15 broad principles for the protection of the Mediterranean against pollution from land-based sources. The prin-ciples will serve as a starting point for negotiating a regional convention.

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Mozambique's rulers mix their Marxism with economic realism

From Nicholas Ashford

will be a long and difficult population. Emphasis will be task, Mr Marcelino Dos Santos, laid on the construction of vice-president of the ruling communal villages and the Frelimo movement, told the establishment of cooperative party's third congress which farms.
has just ended in Maputo. The

He is Frelimo's chief economic policy-maker and this exwhich preceded the announceand undoctrinaire list of econo- departure of Portuguese techmic directives, was a refresh- nicians.

tion may be more pragmatic masses

Whether this pragmatism will extend to other spheres remains to be seen. But judg-ing by the pronouncements at the congress, Frelimo has emerged as a Marxist party in the Soviet mould dedicated to the development of scientific socialism" at home and to the expansion of "the world antimperialist front " abroad.

tend to be mass organizations, Frelimo, like the communist parties of East Europe, will be an elitist "vanguard party", embracing only the most highly morivated activists.

Candidates wanting to join the party will have to fulfil fairly high standards. The masses will be encouraged to join one of its affiliate organizations. In this way will frelimo act as the driving force for the "alliance of workers and peasants" in Mozambique.

According to the party programme, Frelimo's immediate objectives are the consolidation of independence achieved from Portugal 20 months ago, the destruction of capitalism and the exploitation of man by man, and the building of a political, material and ideological basis for socialism. The final objective is the construc-" new society

This is going to be achieved by an intensive campaign of political indoctrination and through an economic prothrough an economic pro-gramme which in practice will mean greater state participation in the main sectors of the

This process has already begun Land and rented accommodation were taken over last year, education and health have already been nationalized and many factories and plan-tations which were abandoned by their Portuguese owners have effectively come under state control.

In brief

Soyuz links up

Moscow, Feb 8.—The Soyuz 24 spacecraft with two cosmo-nauts on board docked tonight

with the orbiting Salyut 5 space laboratory, one day after the

The crew, mission commander Viktor Gorbatko and flight engineer Yuri Glazkov, were feeling well and were carrying out their flight programme. Tass said. The docking was the first with Salyut 5 since its first week stay.

crew completed a five week stay

Hongkong, Feb 8.—A post mortem examination on Mr William Crum, the China-born

American businessman, whose body was found in his burnt-out home last Saturday, showed

there were no suspicious cir-cumstances about his death,

Beached whales perish

Mayport, Florida, Feb 8.-

About 200 pink whates threw themselves on to a beach near here and, despite a two-day rescue effort by marine officers and volunteers, nearly 80 have died. Scientists are conducting autopsies to find out why the whales came ashore.

Warning on Namibia

Britain and the other mem-bers of the European Com-munity have warned South Africa that its intention to set

up an interim government in Namibia (South-West Africa) does not meet with their

Marrakesh, Feb 8.—Seventeen members of a Moroccan left-

wing opposition party, the Union Socialiste des Forces Populaires, have gone on trial here accused of plotting an attempted coup in March, 1973.

Brasilia. Feb 8.—Senhor Severo Gomes, Minister of Trade and Industry and one of

Brazil's most controversial

politicians, has resigned after

calling for greater political

Khartum, Feb 8.—President Nimeiry has relieved Sudan's Prime Minister and his Cabinet

of their posts, but has asked them to continue until a new

Addis Ababa, Feb 8.-A

Swedish light aircraft carrying

an unnamed Briton, a Dane and a Swede is missing in Ethiopia's

Cabinet is announced.

Plane lost in desert

Sudan reshuffle near

approval

Coup plot trial

Minister quits

freedom.

Post mortem verdict

with Salyut

Maputo, Feb 8 economy will be based firstly on agriculture, which provides society in Mozambique a living for 90 per cent of the

The second phase will involve the development of industry and, more particularly, pression of economic realism, the reactivation of industries which have run down since ment of a relatively moderate independence and the mass

The final and "decisive" phase will be the establishment rhetoric at the congress.

It could be an indication of heavy industry which, that despite the public espouaccording to Mr Dos Santos. heavy industry which, sel of Marxist-Leninist doc- will "create conditions of real trines, Frelimo's approach to equality" and raise the polit-the task of national reconstructical consciousness of the

> Mr Dos Santos said the main aim was to restore the levels of agricultural and industrial production by 1980 to those prevailing in 1973—a realistic (if modest) objective bearing in mind the problems the country faces. In particular he hopes to reduce food imports, which he estimated at about

For a Marxist party the Unike other Marxist-in- economic directives are not as clined parties in Africa, which ruthlessly anti-capitalistic as degree of free enterprise will be permitted and foreign capital will continue to have a role so long as it coincides with the party's objectives. Furthermore for the moment there is to be no rigid economic plan but rather a series of general

objectives. Similarly, the party's international orientation may not prove to be quite as strongly prove to be quite as studied, pro-Soviet as the presence of large numbers of Soviet block delegates at the congress seemed to suggest. Observers noted that Frelimo leaders never referred directly to the Soviet Union or its allies when pledging Mozambique's support for the struggle against "colonialism, racism, neo-colonialism and imperialism".

The push for closer ties seems to be stronger in Moscow, East Berlin and Hayana than perhaps it is in Maputo. It would be wrong to overemphasize this point. overemphasize this point. Mozambique has firmly placed itself in the socialist camp and, with the eclipse of Chinese in-

its partners natural allies. tendency towards pragmatism in economic thinking should not be seen as an indication that the Marxist basis of the party will be significantly diluted. Socia-lism is the ultimate goal and adherence to Marxist-Leninist principles is the means by which it will be reached.

From Kuldip Nayar Delhi, Feb 8

and social injustice.

The ruling Congress Party has pledged in its election manifesto that it will "pre-serve and consolidate democ-

rscy".
The 5,000-word document, which Mrs Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, today issued

personally, has reaffirmed that the party's destination is social-ism and that it will step up its war against poverty, disparities

Unlike the 1971 manifesto, it

goes out of its way to promise that democracy will not be diluted. This is because of the artack the opposition has launched on what it calls the

"authoritarian rule of Mrs Gandhi". The manifesto says that "the commitment of the Congress Party goes back to its

very inception and its faith in

party but one representative of

From Our Correspondent

An unconventional attempt

by Britain to penetrate Japan's

lucrative arms market was abandoned today when it became apparent that the Royal Navy support vessel Lyness, which was due to arrive in

March with a display of military weapons and craft, has been denied access to all of

The proposed visit, which set

off a minor but embarrassing

diplomatic controversy, was officially called off this after-

noon when the British Embassy in Tokyo announced that a request for berthing facilities for the Lyness had been with-

British diplomats have con-

ceded that selecting Tokyo, a

well known stronghold of Japan's anti-militarist move-ment, as the original site for

a blatant exhibition of arms sales, was a diplomatic blunder.

Last month, Mr Ryokichi Minobe, the Governor of Tokyo, a committed pacifist, rejected

the request for a berth on the ground that the visit might start

violent demonstrations. The

Foreign Ministry subsequently informed the British Embassy that it would sound out local

But apparently Mr Minobe's

similar reactions at other pos-

sible sites.

Japanese officials claim they

decision stimulated

the country's main ports.

Queen leaves tonight on jubilee journey

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh leave Heathrow Air-port, Loudon, at 10.25 tonight for their six-week jubilee tour to Western Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia and Papua, New Guinea.

Before joining the royal yacht Britannia on Thursday morning (local time) at Pago Pago, Eastern Samoa, they face 21 hours 15 minutes of flying. This excludes a one-hour wait when their British Airways 707 touches down at Los Angeles.

From Pago Pago it is a seven-hour cruise to Apia, in Western Samoa, where the celebrations will begin, with dancing, ceremonies and obli-gatory libations from the tradi-tional welcome cup, consisting of a potion called kava.

It is the Queen's first visit to Western Samoa. Apia is thought to have been the setson's Treasure Island, and the residence of the head of state was once the author's home.

And so across the Inter-national Date Line to Tonga, independent monarchy within the Commonwealth, whose monarch, King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV is probably the largest in the world, though he is said to have shed some four of his 20 stones as a jubilee year gesture.

After two days in Fiji, there will be a restful three days at sea on the way to Auckland, New Zealand, where the Queen will be greeted on February 22 by Mr Muldoon, the Prime Minister, and Sir Denis Blun-dell, the Governor-General.

It will be the Queen's fifth visit to New Zealand since her accession, and she will spend 10 relatively, informal but strenuous days there working her way from north to south. The aim, as in Australia-where she arrives on March 8 for her sixth visit—is to be seen by the largest possible number of people.

One foreseeably delicate stage of the visit will occur in Canberra where Sir John Kerr, the Governor-General, has been the object of considerable public odium since he dissolved Mr Gough Whitlam's Labour government in November, 1975.

The royal family has stufluence, the Sovier Union and diously kept out of this controits partners are Mozambique's versy, which has, however, made many Australians ponder tional role in Australia. Her three weeks there-with four days in Papua, New Guinea— end in Perth on March 30. Six days in Canada are scheduled for mid-October, possibly fol-lowed by a visit to the Carib-

but that the "ship of state

should be on an even keel"

She also gave warning against the danger of casteism rearing its head again. This danger, she said, had been there in the

past but the new role of the

opposition was far more caste-ist and tended to encourage

castersm.

There is special mention of family planning in the manifesto. It emphasizes the importance of curbs on population

growth, but categorically states

that there cannot be compul-sion. "It will be a voluntary movement and it will be a peo-ple's movement."

The manifesto is by no

The manifesto is by no means radical and appears to be steering a middle course. The argument is that the party has been doing well in the economic field and will do bet-

were embarrassed by the original request, but since Britain was trying to promote arms sales to redress its im-

balance in trade, the proposal was examined.

was examined.

"We cannot understand why the British Government approached the matter in this manner", an official said tonight. "The Japanese constitution prohibits any attempt to expand the self defence forces.

People are very sensitive on

People are very sensitive on the issue for historical reasons.

The approach should have been more discreet. But once we re-ceived the request we could not

turn it down .
During the seven-day floating

exhibition, Japanese defence ex-

perts were to have been invited on board the Lyness, a 12,359-ton air support ship, to inspect armoured vehicles, heli-

copters, ground-to-air missiles,

105mm guns, 51mm mortars

patrol boats, ground monitoring radar systems and field artil-

lery computers.
The visit would have coin-

cided with Japan's moves to remodel its self defence force and reequip it with more ad-vanced weapons. At present the United States enjoys a virtual monopoly over arms sale in

Japan.

Britain's past efforts to penetrate this military market have not been encouraging. In the most recent successful transaction the Japanese Defence

Agency purchased tank gun barrels from Britain to a value

Commitment to democracy

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democracy is absolute, irrevocable and unshakable."

Mrs Gandhi said that the Congress was not a one-person the Philippines and Burma on

all sections of the people.

She spoke of the need for stability which did not mean one person staying in authority of fatigue and indisposition

Arms show warship not

going to Japanese ports

medical advice.

in Gandhi manifesto



Dr Waldheim inspecting war-torn Beirut yesterday before flying to Amman.

Waldheim arrival in Jordan

Amman, Feb 8.—Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary General, said today he might seek clarification of a tatement in Brussels by Mr Vigal Allon, the Israel Foreign Minister, that his country had "no intention of giving the United Nations any role in peace negotiations in this area ".
Dr Waldheim was answering questions at Amman airport after his arrival for two days of talks on reviving the Middle East peace conference at Geneva. He flies to Israel on

Official sources said the ralks here would cover the political aspects of the Middle East issue, the Geneva conference and the parties that would attend it.

Whether the Palestinian Liber-ation Organization (PLO) should attend the conference is a lead-

Dr Waldheim is to meet Crown Prince Hassan ar breaklengthy discussion with King Husain. Dr Waldheim said at the air-

port that he had been assured by the Israel Government before he left New York "that they were looking forward to my visit and were interested in discussing the situation. Mr Allon's statement "did not change the attitude of Israel towards the United Nations".

He said his impression was that the leaders with whom he had talked so far—President Sadat of Egypt, King Khalid of Saudi Arabia, President Hafiz al-Assad of Syria and President Sarkis of Lebanon—were seriously interested in resuming the negotiating process as quickly as possible. They wanted, he said, "to

get down to the substance of

the problem and not just to procedural matters". King Husain has issued a

warning against over-optimism, lest it lead to a false impression that a solution to the Middle East problem is imminent. In an interview published here yesterday, the King said no solution could be achieved unless Jerusalem was returned to Arab sovereignty.-Reuter. Cairo: A Soviet delegation headed by Mr Mikhail Sytenko, head of the Soviet Foreign Mini stry's Middle East department. arrived here this afternoon for talks with Egyptian Foreign

Ministry officials Observers noted that the delezation arrived at a moment when Soviet-Egyptian relations were extremely tense with the Egyptian press daily accusing the Communists of trying to overthrow the Government during last month's riots against price rises.—Agence France-

Leading article, page 15 | northern Front.

Syrian advance star talk of war in Israel

From Eric Marsden Jerusalem, Feb 8

Unless the United States Government succeeds within the next few days in arranging for the withdrawal of Syrian troops from the Nabatiyeh area in southern Lebanon, Israel's leaders will have to decide whether to ecquiesce in the Syrian Army's presence close to their frontier or take military action.

The Army chief of steff, Lieutenant-General Mordechai Gur, told a meeting of American fund-raisers in Jerusalem last night that for the past week Israel had been in "a time of decision-making" and several decisions had already been taken. He declined to elaborate.

General Gur also said that nost Israelis hoped the crisis would be overcome, with all parties showing reasonableness, wisdom and coverage; but they were also confident in their ability to safeguard national security.

decisions referred to by the chief of staff have been passed by Mr Dinitz, the Israel Ambassador in Washington, to Mr Vance, the Secretary of State whom he met last night. Mr Vance is reported to bave given an assurance that efforts would be made to speed up ralks with the Syrians on the border dispute.

Earlier there had been disquiet here over suggestions from Washington that the United States did not expect he matter to be resolved until Mr Vance visits the Middle East next week.

Two weeks ago, when the Syrians moved several hundred men into Nabatiyeh, which hes orth of the river Litani, about six miles from the Israel frontier, the Israel Government called for their withdrawal "within a few days". It claimed that the Syrian move was a breach of unofficial un-derstandings reached in con-tacts through the Americans and amounted to a Syrian crossing of Israel's invisible "red line" of tolerance on the

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The remained unchanged. of cadorsement of the move by President Lebenon and the reluctance of Wash put pressure on . Several ministers, Rabin, the Prime Mir Mr Peres, the Deter ter. have insisted Syrians must withdra fied because the developed while the election campaign w into full swing. ! warnings instead of fined to diplomatic have been highlight press and on televisio: The new American of State may there that on his first vi Middle East he wil act as mediator in crisis instead of out prospects

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Behind outward calm Seoul and Tokyo are apprehensive over US troop withdrawal

Japan's dilemma over security role

From Peter Hazelhurst Tokyo, Feb 8

Recalling how Japan has chieved its rapid economic growth rate under the American defence umbrella, a senior Japanese official downed his drink at a diplomatic cocktail party the other day and said: "The long calm days are over. We are about to enter the He was referring to Presi-

dent Carter's decision to with-draw gradually the remaining 30,000 American ground troops from South Korea. From outward appearances

both Japan and South Korea have accepted the announcement with a show of calm resignation. After his recent meeting with Vice-President Mondale in Tokyo, Mr Takeo Pukuda, the Japanese Prime Minister, appeared unruffled by the unequivocal statement confirming the planned with-drawal. He merely said in a statement that Japan did not intend to intervene in what it considered a bilateral issue be-But behind the outward calm, both Japan and South Korea are seething with apprehension. A change in the mili-

peninsula and a further reduc-tion of American forces in north-east Asia could force Japan, against its wishes, to assume a greater responsibility for the security of the area. The American withdrawal might persuade Japan to in-crease defence spending and

Indonesia denies

Jakurta, Feb 8.—Indonesia has denied a report in *The Times* that Indonesian volunteers fighting in the East Timor civil war in 1975 massacred residents of Chinese descent.

Mr Abdurrahman Gunadirdja, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, said the Indonesians had protected the Chinese community in East Timor and many of its members had sought shelter in Indonesia

The reports of the alleged massacre originated from Mr James Dum, a former Austra-lian consul in East Timor. The

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expand its armed forces, thus provoking a sharp constitutional and political controversy at home.

The Japanese Government fears that the lack of an American military deterrent in South Korea might encourage a communist onslaught. A conflict on the peninsula might result in a large influx of South Korean refugees into

Japan's Defence Agency is already studying contingency plans to move Army unitsnally stationed in northern Japan-to the southern island of Kyushu, the closest point to South Korea.

The American decision has also cast a shadow over Japan's vast economic interests in South Korea. During the past 15 years Japan has poured \$1,700m in loans and investments into South Korea, which has emerged as its most lucrative market in Asia. The two-way trade between the countries is expected to reach tries is expected to reach the south of the 15 million North Koreans have been militarized with the objective of 'liberating' the South' way trade between the countries is expected to reach £8,823m this year. Moreover, Japan has traditionally enjoyed an annual trade surplus in the region of between £1,100,000 and £2,200,000.

that American forces would be withdrawn from South Korea only under a carefully phased out programme, the South Koreans are visibly upset. The promise that the United States will maintain a strong air capa-bility in the area has done lit-tle to assuage their fears.

From Our Correspondent

President Nyerere of Tanzania

was reported today to have officially acknowledged for the first time that his country had closed its border with Kenya

In an interview in Dar es

Salaam, he said the move was in retaliation for what Tanzania

considers to be a series of Kenyan moves to demolish in-

stitutions of the East African

Community.
Tanzania claims that Kenya,

by withdrawing additional finan-cial support, brought about the

Nairobi, Feb 8

since last week.

As one South Korean diplomat pointed out: "If logistic and support troops are deducted, then the United States only maintains a fighting force of 20,000 men in South Korea. When you conhas been raised to a strength of 560,000, the American units have little bearing on the mili-tary balance. But they are an important deterrent, a psychological factor which reminds the communists that they will have to take on the United States if President Kim II receive aid increases in rough Sung attempts to attack us again."

The diplomat claimed that the proposed withdrawal would deter investment and retard South Korea's economic growth

ring' the South."

On the other hand there is a show of bravado in South Korea. A South Korean busi-Although Mr Mondale assured both Seoul and Tokyo deserting us because there deserting us because they believe the President is a dictator. Let them go. We do not need them. We will produce our own weapons by 1980. They forget that we fought side by side with them as loyal allies during the Vietnam war. And now they are about to jettison us."

recent collapse of East African Airways (EAA), which is jointly

owned by Kenya, Tanzania and

into Kenya after obtaining special permits.

Tanzania in special flights. A

weapons pledge to Isra-From Our Own Correspondent petroleum sprzy. Stat Washington, Feb 8 petroleum sprzy. Stat President Ford on the election.

Carter men review Fore

Now that the United States has refused permission for Israel to sell 24 of its Kfir fighter bombers to Ecuador—

they have American jet engines—it is being asked here how far Israel is being compensated by the Carter been assured by Administration. The sale would Administration than have brought Israel about these weapons. \$150m (£88m).

Authoritative officials confirm that Israel will receive S285m extra in economic assistance this coming fiscal year. But they point out that Arab countries in the area will was not linked to the second se Egypt's total would be raised to \$750m for the year, Jordan's to \$220m and Syria's to \$90m.
Aid to Israel would amount to \$1.785m for fixed 1972

\$1,785m for fiscal 1978. S1,785m for fiscal 1978.

However, it is far from clear policy against the advanced will receive the advanced military tanks, artillery, infra-red sights to claims here the for aiming in the dark and the controversial "aerosol" concurred in competition we cussion bomb, which creates a from the United firestorm through an ignited France.

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Naming of Salt negotia raises hackles in Senat

From Our Own Correspondent any of these ma Washington, Feb 8 declared. Washington, Feb 8

Feathers were flying today as defence hawks and doves grappled in the Senate over ment. He has never advocated it. Whe called for is admittedly one-sided admitted ad of Mr Paul Warnke to be mean of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Mr Carter would be an America in the hope that the absolute of the Arms of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Mr Carter would be an America in the hope that the would follow suit. the American delegation in the strategic arms negotiations (Salt) with the Russians.

Warnke has acquired a strong reputation as an "arms controller" steadfastly opposed to a further race in nuclear weapons. This, his supporters what the inh requires: argue, is what the job requires; there are plenty of hawks else-where in the Administration to argue in favour of keeping up the guard at any cost,

Tourists stranded in northern Tanzania by the sudden closure are now being allowed to cross But a previous Salt negotia-tor, Mr Paul Nitze, has written of his serious misgivings to the senate foreign relations com-Meanwhile, several hundred tourists have now been flown from Kilimahjaro auroort in mittee : "I am concerned that Mr British Airways aircraft arrived here early today with 194 on board, having made a special halt at Kilimanjaro on its regular flight from Johannes-

Warnke, who has spoken with such certainty on matters of military requirements, weapons capability and strategy, may none the less not be a qualified student or competent judge of

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Reporter's tapes confiscated after Czech tour

Tanzania allows stranded

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Berlin, Feb 8
The United States Embassy

report was published February 1.—Reuter.

in Prague has protested strongly to the Czechoslovak Government about the harassment to which it says Mr Leslie Collit, an American correspondent, has been subjected. Two tapes and 90 pages of notes prepared during a recent trip were confiscated.

trip were confiscated.

Mr Collit, who reports for the National Broadcasting Corporation and for the Financorporation and for the Finan-cial Times, was interrogated for two hours by several Czechoslovak officials last Fri-day on the train to Dresden in East Germany where he was delayed for eight hours. During his stay, apart from meeting officials, Mr Collit says he also spoke with econ-

omists, people from the Charter 77 civil rights movement and with the "man in the street".

When he protested about confiscation of the tapes and letters he was told he might possibly get them back at a that the manifesto was illegal they said, but of the campaign later date. His data, it was explained, violated Czechosloexplained, violated Czechoslo-vak laws.

Prague, Feb 8.—Spokesmen for the Charter 77 movement said today they had asked Par-liament to rule on the legality

of the document.

Mr Jiri Hajek, for a brief period Foreign Minister in the Dubcek government, and Mr Jan Patocka, a philosopher, said they had made the request in a letter a few days con the in a letter a few days ago to the federal Assembly, in which they contested the right of the

faced legal action if they continued their campaign. In their letter to the Assem-

bly, the two noted that the prosecutor had made no mention of any laws or regulations violated by the signers of the charter, which they said conformed to the final statement adopted last summer by the conference of communist parties in East Berlin.

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ties against the signers.—

Agence France-Presse.

Prague, Feb 8.—Mr Hajek said that he and his friends, deprived by the authorities of driving licences and telephones, had now to use public transport and walk a lot to keep in touch. I guess this takes us back where the human rights movement started

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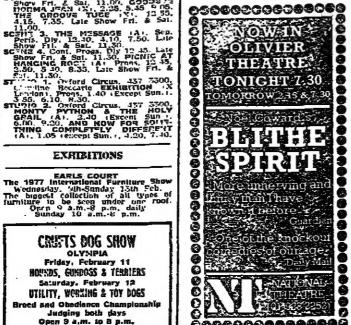
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Ir does not matter much

Ir does not matter much which organization inhabits these showpiece series, called variously, but not very variously, Warship, Wings, Angels, Mogul and so forth. Nor does it matter much whether those shrieking at one another are bosuns, tailgunners, oilmen or gynaecologists. What matters is that the physical circumstances of their trade be meticulously and accurately reconstructed and that the organization be infinitely fissile.

Thus, Headmaster. As 1

Thus, Headmaster. As I watched the first of this six-parter unreel on Monday, I

could not suppress the thought that I had seen William Berkley Comprehensive School

Oueen Elizabeth Hall

Monday saw the fifth instal-

Beethoven cycle, or perhaps one should say parabola of a recital series which arcs its way through two-and-a-half winter

months. Each of the pro-grammes is well varied, but this

time the emphasis was not on the grand or brooding Beethoven, not, at any rate, until the closing performance of

phenomenon in its own right.

Nevertheless, the evening as a whole did have a style. It was not just a sequence of superbindividual performances, although it was that as well.

Clear handshare your the out.

Clear-headedness was the out-standing quality. Mr Brendel

began with an account of the "easy sonata" Op 49, No 1, which was supremely intelli-

Some of the notices are reprinted from yesterday's later

ment in Alfred Breudel's

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important, survives.

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Lawrence Burd, looking much as it must have done when Gerard Manley Hopkins spent summer holidays there with the Jesuits from St Bueno's College. On a more painterly note: the exhibition (over 275 works in all and open until February

18) contains some lovely de Wins, a solid lare Coman, and a delightful Cox, Milking Time, whose small area of broken lively brushstrokes entirens a rather static screen of drawings and fully justifies his experiments with technique. And when the electric lights were turned on, and some subtleties lost, the thearrical effects of Francis Nicholson's Tintern Abbey could be enjoyed, and the fascinating sheet of minute sketches by George Richmond studied more fully.

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enough to delineate the elusive quality of ophemeral beauty, whereas the accretions of liv-ing—in both face and environgreat or innovative art, but show sensitive enjoyment of place in their composition: Edinburgh's skyline, the Lif-fey's ripe gleam, and—most evocative of all—tall trees cast-ing shadows across a navement ment—obviously fascinate her-ment—obviously fascinate her-cheady a skilful portrait paint-er, perhaps now that she has left art school she may learn to trust her imaginative responses while continuing to develop and delight in hering shadows across a pavement in Ronquières while citizens go about their business and the about their business and the sun catches the intense colours of a Belgian flag. Why so evocative? Because the sketch is dated May 10, 1945, the day after the war in Europe officially ended. Methoen said his sketchbook was like a diary, and his drawings have that kind of immediacy. Also at the gallery is sculpture by Kormis, and a mixed group of land-scapes by contemporary British develop, and delight in, her technique.

A painter more different from Margaret Foreman than the late Scottie Wilson (1890-1972) it would be difficult to find; it is, though, one of the nice things about visiting art galleries that a No 19 or 22 bit will take one from portraits scapes by contemporary British painters; the latter includes two of Robert Buhler's brooding summer paintings, their perspectiveless presence combining threat with luxury. will take one from portraits that reflect an errist who is integrated with society, to the entirely private psychic draw-ings of an alcoholic. A retrospective of Wilson's work opens at the Warehouse Gallery (52 Margaret Foreman left the Earlhem Street) on February Earlhem Street) on February 10. Besides drawings, there will be pieces of a Royal Worcester dinner service which incorporated his patterns, letters and memorabilie, and a taped conversation between Wilson and Victor Musgrave. Mervyn Levy will be lecturing on his work—under the title Greedies is an Evils—at 6.30 pm on February 15. The exhibition should provide a comprehensive experience of Wilson's

Margaret Foreman left the Royal Academy Schools last year and has her first one-man exhibition at the Belgrave Gallery (17 Motcomb Street, SW1) until February 25. Her paintings are small, meticulously detailed, and show an innate sense of responsibility towards her subjects—which are mainly people. Within the confined area of each canvas she finds ways of using pattern and

gent and felicitous without any

descent to the merely charming. His attack, always precise, seemed more than ever perfectly gauged, and his balancing of counterpoint, always clear, was here quite faultless. Given such technical skill, the

music could move as if under the impulse of its own laws. There was nothing forced or

In some ways this considered

performance of a miniature was more remarkable than some of those that followed, when occa-

or with a movement was so right as to be unquestionable, and so beguiling as to defy dissent. His touch of humour at his

own virtuosity in the middle movements of the Pastoral or his many clean shades of

superfluous.

perhaps not confident or open catalogue. before, flying over the Ypres saient, I think it was, with everyone arguing about whether it ought to have been fitted Newmusicat Cardiff

with machineguns, or possibly patrolling the Indian ocean and pitching dangerously as matrons fought with surgeons about oil Six new works will be heard in the Cardiff Festival of Twentieth-century Music, to be held The physical context, as ever, from March 5 to March 19. James Galway gives the first performance of the Malcolm

was perfectly caught; not simply the look of a school, for that is easy enough, but the feel and smell and taste of a school were utterly right. So too the teachers, from the pipelanchina resilitionalists in heiro Arnold Flute Sonata with Anthony Goldstone (March 19), and Paul Torrelier will conduct clenching traditionalists in beige tweed to the young irreverents in denim, hungry for a mould to break. the premiere of Alun Hoddinott's French Suite by the London Mozart Players (March

to break.

As the champion of the former, Frank Windsor might have spent his entire working life preparing for the role and he did it a justice to which the script did not fully entirle it. Generally, in fact, casting of staff and pupils was faultless. Bur were the roles for which they had been thus deftly cast not too predictably ill-assorted, in order to suit them for the Martin Neary's organ recital includes a new work by Timothy Taylor (March 11), and other first performances are Carl Briant's Piano Sonata. M. Charnell-White's Duo Sonata for two pianos, and Howard Watt's Violin Sonata.

not too predictably ill-assorted, in order to suit them for the clashes which institutional drama requires?

Isn't that perhaps the wrong way to create drama, by envisaging a conflict and then peopling it, rather than the other way about? That is the method by which subilety has been killed in so many of Headmaster's siblings, by which complexities have been reduced to formulae, and, worst of all, life exchanged for melodrama. Watt's Violin Sonata.

Among the principal events are recitals by Victoria de los Angeles and John Lill. Seven orchestras and ensembles are taking part, including the opening concert by the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields, and the concert in which the Korean violinist Dong Suk Kang plays the Sibelius Violin Concerto.

Kenneth Loveland

Bernard Leach at the V and A

The Victoria and Albert Museum is to honour Bernard Leach, the potter, with the first full-scale museum retrospective to be held in this country from March 3 until until May 8. The exhibition includes some 200 of his finest pots, drawn from over 50. private and public collections, besides finished drawings, prints and working studies. The objects targe from the receipt objects range from the very first pot he ever decorated, in Tokyo, in 1911, up to the latest in 1973—when failing eyesight made it impossible for him to Beethoven, not, at any rate, until the closing performance of Opus 110. Instead we were in calmer realms, and it was to Beethoven's masterly good sense that Mr Brendel seemed to be responding most readily.

In making such a generalization I am guilty of perpetrating the cliche's in which Mr Brendel has no interest: "I like to think of every masterpiece as a phenomenon in its own right."

Mr Brendel's way with a movement was so or with a movement was so made it impossible for nim to continue working. The exhibits range in size from pin boxes to giant chargers, and in materials from earthenware to porcelain.

Born in Hongkong in 1887, Leach spent the first 10 years of his life in the Far East. Having studied drawing at the Slade School of Arr, and etching under Brangwyn, in 1909 he returned to Japan, where his vocation as a potter was realized, and he became apprenticed to a leading Japanese master. He studied early Chinese and Korean art, especi-Ally the pots of the Sung and Yi dynasties, with their classic forms and subdued glazes.

expression in so many other movements were all things that Mr Leach has the distinction of being the only craftsman in any field to be a Companion of

Fragile and familiar young performers who are at their best when scrambling through the audience in an effort to avoid being made into soup by the Duchess. The Duchess is played by Beau Daniells, who is mercifully audible at all times, but her lines consist mainly of the repeated chaut: "It makes me very cross"; with the final words, of course, shouted by the audience. Mr Sircom's songs, some in-

Alice in Wonderland Round House.

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Ned Chaillet

Schoolchildren seem nowadays to be given their theatre in special presentations which adults, excepting teachers, hardly ever see. In these dire times for actors such producnions can draw excellent, if eccentric, casts. But if too much of the thought behind the production goes into pleasing children instead of creating theatre, the children may end up enjoying the production more for the pantomime cat-calling and for the cast's excursions into the audience, encursions into the audience, than for the spectacle itself.
Such is what I believe happens with Malcolm Sircom's musical adaptation of Alice in Wonderland, playing in the day-time at the Round House. His text is fragile and foolishly updated with allusions to things made in Housens?" and "made in Hongkong" and familiar riddles: "What is the difference between an elephant and a pillar box?" It does not much benefit from Roy Skelton's frenetic, and frequently insudible, production.

The cast includes several

Mr Sircom's songs, some including verses by Lewis Carroll, are, for the most part, sleepy, undramatic things, with the main exception of a very Broadway croquet game which opens the second act. Their lack of a particularly commanding rhythm may partly explain Mr Skelton's resort to blatant paniomime tricks.

Young children however are Young children, however, are a great audience, willing to forgive actors who become inaudible by turning their backs on spectators, and identifying with an Alice who speaks well but seems to lose her voice when she sings. It is precisely because children are such a good audience that they deserve excellence. Pandering to their

excellence. Pandering to their simplest responses, homogeni-zing all stories to pantonime simplicity, is not producing children's theatre but simply bad theatre.

The Last Meeting of The Knights of the White Magnolia Hampstead

Irving Wardle

Nothing has taught me more about Texas on a trip two years ago than the plays of Preston Jones. Knights of the White Magnolia is the second part of his Texas Trilogy, which origins lexas Irliogy, which originated in Dallas, proceeded to Washington, and now acrives in London in the hands of our resident Texan director, Michael Rudman, who has confirmed my belief that this intensely local work would transfer as brilliantly as O'Case. fer as brilliantly as O'Casey. This is a moment for saluting a fine new writer.

We are at a meeting of a little fraternity to the right of the Ku Klux Klan. Once it had lodges across the country and bands turned up for its rallies, but all that survives is a lone outpost out in the west Texan panhandle where a handful of middle-aged men still meet to drink and play dominoes in a cardemen's hotel owned Ly their senior member, a fire-eating old army colonel for whom the clock stopped with the First World War. Now, incredibly, they have a new recruit in the person of an asthmatic, flatfooted youth from the next town; and the knights prepare for a full-dress initiation cere-

shows his comic power just as much in the first-act prepara-tion for this scene, revealing just how little brotherhood there is in the fraternity. The two perpetually bickering cronies, an alcoholic Korean veteran, an aging mother's boy, have nothing in common except residence in a boring place and the prospect of going home to angry women. Like the colonel, they have also all come to a stop and their conversation consists blinkered monologues on individual obsessions.

Mr Jones uses those partly to build up a picture of "Bradley ville" past and present, and as a means of combining exposi-tion with characterization. They also supply a marvellous delaying tactic before the climax; the collision of egoisms repeatedly throws the dialogue back on itself, and every move to get on with the ritual is blocked by another looping return to discourses on blood-relationships or the colonel's memories of meeting General Pershing. At the same time, the comedy expands codelly in onicomedy expands socially in epi-sodes like the loss of the sacred rule book: a stunned silence falls on the company when the colonel admits that he has en-

trusted it to the black doorman. This is an absolutely traditional American naturalist comedy with the difference that backs or orgies of truth-telling, and that it replaces sentimentality with intimately sceptical affection. Some of Mr Rudman's Paul Methuen (1886-1974), rather like Duncan Grant, continued to paint energetically as an old man because it was an old man because it was an effect of a blouse is repeated provide a comprehension of works. The continued to paint energetically as an old man because it was an in the rosy creasing on an old man because it was an old man because it was an old man because it was an in the rosy creasing on an old man because it was an in the rosy creasing on an olderly woman's face. Indeed, selection of works taken from his studio after his death, and character that she best formation without involving and spanning a long period.

They make no pretence to perhaps not confident or open closed a comprehent work and character; the warehouse in the Warehouse in managinatively barman, a supermarket manager than Ramsay Williams's youth formation without involving that sounds like of provide a good deal of into provide money.

The piece reaches its ludicrous climax in a masonic parody, with a cigar-chewing barman, a supermarket manager than Ramsay Williams's youththe great heavenly sages conthe great heavenly sages conducting young Lonnie Roy on
his pilgrimage to the Golden
Fountain of Truth. But Jones

Tul Colonel. But liter performances as good as those of
Richard Moore, Ronnie Letham
and Ian Hogg, that sounds like
quibbling.



Photograph by Donald Cooper

Richard Moore, Ian Hogg and Glyn Owen with Ronnie Letham

Bryan Ferry Albert Hall

Clive Bennett

Star quality is easy to see but hard to define. That Bryan Ferry has it in abundance was obvious to a packed house on Monday at the first of three London dates on his first solo British tour and, astonishingly, he was far more exciting than when a member of Roxy Music. The last Roxy albums suggested that the five strong personalities in the band were not totally in sympathy with

each other or their music. Ferry's new touring outfit, although it includes two former Roxy members, Phil Manzanera and Paul Thompson, suggests exactly the opposite. There is a precision and an assurance that is a joy to hear, a variety of colours rare in live per-formance and a most infectious

Time and time again exhilar-

Mel Collins, and Ann Odell's keyboards. That neither she nor Manzanera was allowed as much limelight as Spedding was the concert's one disappoint-

The thick textures were complemented by three singers Kokomo, the men, in dark blue with white belts and lanyards, looking and behaving more and more like outrageously camp militiamen as the evening wore on.

ing wore on.

Then of course, there was Bryan Ferry. In an extraordinary way he conveys simultaneously icy detachment from, and intense involvement in, everything he sings. This was nowhere more apparent than in the powerful y impressive title track of his new album "In your mind".

He sings without musical affectation but expresses to perfection but expresses to perfection the meaning of each song. Even when he reworks old Roxy numbers like "Casanova" or "Love is the drug", and even more acutely with non-Roxy material like "These foolish things" his style and personality totally

ating outbursts from Chris style and personality totally Spedding, the lead guitarist, erase memories of the original. sliced through the thick wall of sound created by the three-man but its great strength is that wind section, thrillingly led by it creates its own originality. but its great strength is that Squash rackets

his stride

Squash Rackets Correspondent

Jonathan Leslie (Buckinghem-shire) will play John Richardson (Surrey) in the final of Britain's

By Rex Bellamy

Good temperament on Francis's side

Football Correspondent

Having decided to include Trevor Francis in his team to play against the Netherlands at Wembley tonight (8.0), Don Revie said yesterday that he was expecting the young Birmingham City forward to show at least 75 per cent of his club form when attempting to help England "get back on the rails". The team thought five charges from the side shows five changes from the side who lost to Italy in Rome last November, including the dropping

A training injury to McFarland and the loss of Thompson forced Mr Revie to reconsider the defence. His choice was predictable, and, in the circumstances, appropriate. He has aligned the two Manchester City central defenders, Doyle and Watson, who, as he said, have been playing "exceptionally well" at club level. Beattle takes the trouble some position at left back, and Clement retains the right side because Todd is going through a period of poor form that one must hope is a passing phase.

hope is a passing phase.

Greenhoff and Brooking, who were in no way to blame for England's World Cup defeat in Rome, are also retained in midfield, but here, Mr Revie recalls Madeley who was only brought into the party when McFarland was hurt. Probably Cherry, whose purposeful play has been useful if unsensational, would have been incorporated if he had not failed his fitness test yesterday, though his fitness test yesterday, though not necessarily at the expense of Madeley.

In the attack, the naming of Francis, Bowles and Keegan is to put the emphasis on available skill, Indeed, without Pearson and skill. Indeed, without Pearson and Royle there is no orthodox centre forward, "target man" or recognized header of the ball. In the absence of Pearson and Channon, the high ball into the centre, which has for so long been an integral part of any English team's tactics, will not be so important and that is no bad thing.

At last, Francis can take his place in the team after several disappointments. He had a strenuous morning's training yesterday and was not troubled by his bruised toes. He has the ability and assurance to establish himself as the most effective attack Ruisher since Greaves but comes as the most effective attack fluisher since Greaves, but comes into the England team at a time when he needs to make an immediate impact if he is to help them through their World Cupqualifying matthes this year. Unlike predecessors, he has a sound temperament that may allow him to do this.

Mr Revie said he wanted allow him to do this.

Mr Revie said he wanted
Francis to play the way he did
for Birmingham. "I'm not asking him to do anything different.

League impose

on Blackburn

The Football League have signing players. According to Wil-

signing players. According to Wil-liam Bancroft, the second division club's chairman, the ostensible cause of this unprecedented action is the delay in settlement follow-ing the signing of Glen Keeley from Newcastle United.

money when Jones had made a

signing ban



Solemn declaration of intent? Johan Cruyff signs autographs for admirers after arriving at Heathrow Airport, London, yesterday with the rest of the Dutch party.

forwards. He is at his best com- "It's not that I'm doing things

If he is going to be a good inter-If he is going to be a good international, he has got to show me forwards. He is at his best comparational he has got to show me forwards. He is at his best comparation of the percent of his ability in his first match ", he said, adding that he had no idea why others had failed to do this. The only doubt about Francis is that at Birmingham he has become used to receiving the ball from wingers and played for England before he felt his play was now more consistent.

Teams for Wembley

(Liverpool); D. Clement
(Queen's Park Rangers), M.
Doyle (Manchester City), D.
Watson (Manchester City), K.
Beattie (Ipswich Town), P.
Madeley (Leeds United), K.
Keegan (Liverpool), T. Francis
(Birmingham City), S. Bowles
(Queen's Park Rangers), B.
Greenhoff (Manchester United),
T. Brooking (West Ham United),
Substitutes; P. Shilton (Stoke
City), C. Todd (Derby County),
D. Tueart (Manchester City), E.
Referee-: W. Eschweiler (West G (Liverpool):

Clemence Hughes (Liverpool), S. Pearson Clement (Manchester United). NETHERLANDS : P. Schrijvers NETHERLANDS: P. Schrijvers
(Ajax); W. Suurbier (Ajax), W.
Rijsbergen (Feyenoord), R. Kroi
(Ajax), H. Hovenkamp
(Alkmaar), W. van der Kerkhof
(Eindhoven), J. Peters
(Nijmegen), J. Neeskens (Barcelona), J. Rep (Valencia), J.
Cruyii (Barcelona), R. Rensenbrink (Anderlecht). Substitutes:
Beveren (Eindhoven). Dusbaba

easiest game of that bicentenmai tournament against the horth potch side representing America most closely resembled the accepted idea of the best that could be chosen. This team seemed likely to form the core of the World Cun side. The withering of that spirit of The withering of that spirit of America came in a mediocre draw with the Republic of Ireland early in September, and a hollow 2—1 defeat of Finland after which Mr Revie apologized to the crowd. Then the match against Italy in Rome saw an Italian team play with only passing moments of distinction yet seem much superior

I've never tried before", he said, "it's that I'm doing them more

More than anything. England need to regain a sense of direction. On returning from last summer's visit to the United States there was a feeling that the future was brightening. The team Mr Revie fielded for the last and easiest game of that bicentennial tournment against the harth power.

Mr Bancroft explained that Blackburn's failure to pay arose from Newcastle's attitude after acquiring Roger Jones from Ewood Park last March. Newcastle had to nay Blackburn extra ber is the inclusion of O'Brien, the Notts County defender, for Mulligan. The key to Ireland's success looks to be held by the Arsenal trio of Brady, O'Leary and Stapleton.

money when Jones had made a certain number of appearances; Blackburn allege that the player has been denied matches at St James's Park "in order to circumvent the spirit of the transfer agreement." agreement".

Jones, a goalkeeper, was transferred to Newcastle last March together with Graham Oates for a joint fee of around £80,000. It is understood that Jones has been offered a free transfer by Newcastle and is at present training

castle and is at present training with Birmingham.

Another cause of the friction between the clubs was Blackburn's loss of their manager, Gordon Lee, to Newcastle 19 months ago. Rovers had to threaten legal action to recover compensation, then to recover compensation, then paid out even more to Colchester for James Smith.

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"Our dealings with Watford,
Port Vale, Shelfield United and
Colchester have been conducted
in the triendliest spirit, in total
contrast to all our transactions
with Newcastie", a Blackburn
statement said.

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Blackburn had been told of the embargo on registrations by the frostball League management committee. "It is not difficult to trace the influence of Lord West-word, pre-ident of the Football League and chairman of Newcastel United, behind this move", the club stated.

Swedish team

withdraw from

Torquay event

Sweden have withdrawn from next week's under-21 tennis team champiooship, sponsored by British Petroleum, at Torquay, because of a lack of funds. "They just did not have the money to sand their players", the competition organizer. John Barrett, said yesterdey, and added: "I am told by the Swedish Tennis Federation secretary that the absence

ation secretary that the absence of Borg, through injury, from the Swedish championships lest seson, cost them at least £25,000."

Sweden's late withdrawal from the event, which starts next Monday for the second of the second

the event, which starts next Mon-day, has prompted a hurried search for a replacement.

Mr Barrett announced that Caneda had agreed to send teams (men and women), for the first time, to line up with Eritzin, the United Stares. Italy. France. West Germany, Spain and The Nether-lands.

Hutchins, amnounced his two sides yesterday. Susan Barker will help Britain to defend the women's trophy, with Michele Tyler (Kent).

who is also retesming from abroad to play. Joanna Dens: (Avon), the triple junior champion, completes the side. Ann Jones, a former Wimbledon champion, will captain

Hutchins will be in charge of the boys' team which will be:
Rohun Beven (Sussex), Andrew
Jarret (Derbyshire) and Tony
Lloyd (Essex).

Soain's team for the King's Cup tennis match on Friday against Brittin at Afun Lido, Aberavon, is: Juan Muntanoia, José Moreno, Javier Solar and Angel Gimenez.

Tennis

Macken wins his first cap for Republic of Ireland

Tony Macken, the Derby midfield player, wins his first Republic of Ireland cap in today's match
against Spain at Lansdowne Road,
Dublin (3 pm). Macken lines up
alongside Brady, of Arsenal, and
Noel Campbell, of the West German league side Fortuna, who is
recalled in favour of Manchester
United's Daly. Macken replaces
Giles, the player-manager, still recovering full fitness after a
lengthy knee injury.

A third change from the Irish
side beaten 2—0 by France in
a World Cup qualifier in Novem-

L. Brady (Arsenal), D. Givens (QPR), F. Stapleton (Arsenal), S. Heighway (Liverpool).

SPAIN: Angel; Ramos, Cortabria, Comacho, Migueli, Vilao, Pirri, Asensi, Idigoras, Quem, Rojo.

Results and tables

Second division
Postponed: Orient v Blackpool

Third division Preston (1) 2 Swindon (0) 0 Bruce, Brown 9,409 Leading placings

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Leading placings NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Gogle 4. Septh Liverpool 2: Netherfield 1. Northwich Victoria 3.

By Sydney Friskin

be announced later.

A new club competition for women's hockey, sponsored by

A new club competition for women's hockey, sponsored by Tate and Lyle, was announced at a press conference in London yesterday. This tournament, which is to be launched in the autumn, will be played initially in five territories. Two teams from each territory will qualify for the final pool, the details of which are to be announced later.

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Support by the same sponsors will be extended to three women's international matches: England v New Zealand at Wembley (March 5), England v Wales at Headingley (March 19) and England v Ireland at Cambridge (March 26). Much of the expenses for these matches will be defrayed by a direct grant of £6,500.

Looking further ahead, England

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teams can now be sent to a women's under-21 tournament in the Netherlands during the Easter holidays and to a senior tournament in Spain, probably San-

New sponsored club event

for the women's game

Scottish Cup, third round replay

Scottish first division Raith (0) 0 Arbreath (1) 1 Fletcher

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier divi-sion: Wimbledom 3, Reddich 0. First division (North); Bedwarth 2, Cam-bridge City 1. South: Canterbury 2, Samet 2 Fourth division

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Leading placines

Ralph Callachan, the 23-year-old Heart of Midlothian midfield player, signed for Newcastle yesterday for an £80,000 fee, after a medical examination.

He is likely to play in the north east Derby with Middlesbrough on Saturday at St James' Park,

Cambridge University, who are preparing for their bockey match against Oxford at Lord's on February 19, played a creditable 1—1 draw with the East at Feuner's yesterday. East scored first through Bar'ter from a long corner and Cairus equalized for Cambridge from a short one. Neale failed to convert a penalty stroke for East in the twenty-sixth minute.

Orient watching their money go down drain

Orient are rapidly becoming the Football League's crisis club. An attempt to play last Saturday's postpoted home game with Black-pool last night was folled by heavy rain. It was 'Orient's ninth postponement of the season.

George Petchey, their manager, estimates that the club have lost £25,000 in gate receipts, but is determined that they will play all their ourstanding firmers at Brisbane Road. "Perhaps we will have an end-of-season bonanza, and there is no way we will the and there is no way we will surrender our home advantage for these outstanding games ", Mr Petchey said.

Orient recently spent £3,000 on 200ft of new drains. There is talk of digging up the pitch during the

Today's fixtures

international matches: England The Netherlands (at Wembies, 8.0): Hopublic of Ireland v Spain (Lansdown Road, Dublin, 5.0). Under-21 match: Scotland v Wales (at Easter Road, Edinburgh). Kick-off 7.30 tmless stated.

SECOND DIVISION: Wolverhampion Wanders v Sheffield United; Herelord United v Plymouth Arayle. FOURTH DIVISION: Bradford City v Aldershot.

TESTIMONIAL MATCH (Alex Stepday): Manchester United v Henika, SOUTNERN LEAGUE: Premier divi-sion: Dover v Hillingdon,

ston: Dover v Hillingdon.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Revitord Town v Wembiey.

UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final round: Southampton v Birmingham (at Bristol): Loughborough v Hull (at Sheffield).

RUGEY UNION: Nottingham v PAP: (7.15): Pomtypride v Abeston 17.0: Royal Navy v Civil Service.

UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Service.

UAU Championship: Semi-final round: Swanses v Loughborough (at Oxford RFC): UWIST v Newrastie (at Loughborough Colleges).

Colleges). UAU championship: Semi-final round; Birmingham v Manchoster (at Lilleshall, 2.30). Landom League; (20). University v Galidford (2.30).

Snooker

Reardon races through tander, in April. Long term plans include England's defence of the world championship at Vancouver in 1979 and participation in the 1980 Olympic tournament where women's hockey will be included in the programme for the first time. Welcoming the scheme, Mary Russell Vick, president of the All England Women's Hockey Association, said that support would now be available for training programmes and that it would ease the costs of the New Zealand tour of this country from February 14 to March 16. to semi-final

Ray Reardom, the world champion, made a superb break of 84 in overwhelming Rex Williams by four frames to one in the quarterfinal round of the Benson and Hedges Masters snooker tournament, sponsored by Benson and Hedges at The New London Theorie last night. It was the second highest run in this year's event Williams failed to pot a ball in the frame as Reardon, who incurred a four point penalty, romped to 97—4. With Williams, the reigning

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With Williams, the reigning world billiard champion, out of touch, Reardon, the holder, and favourite for the first prize of £2,000 had no difficulty in outplaying his rival.

FIRST ROUND: J. Spencer beat D. Taylor. 4—2 (78—32, 65—61, 67—63, 35—50, 84—38, 85—27; QUARTER-FINAL ROUND: R. HOLTON DE R. WILLIAMDS: FIRST round: F. Davie.

Billiards: First round: F. Davis best G. Miles, 150-86.

Britain cap Fijian

Sairusi Naravu, Rochdale Hornetz Fijian signiag, is on a wing for Great Britain Colts in their Rugby League international against France at Avignou on March 6. He qualifies through residence.

The Durham University Boat Club centenary year will be celebrated on February 14 by special events in April. There will be races for eights on the Type on April 15, and at Durham the following day. Crews are expected from the university boat clubs at Newcasile, Edinburgh, (Gromingen University Netherlands), who will celebrate their own centenary next year.

Although university crews competed at Durham from 1834, two years after the university was reasoned to the past in the Olympic Games at Montreal.

Foster leading

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Rugby Union

Scotland drop Carmichael and Leslie takes intimidating seven other England victims pressure in

Scotland have scrapped the seam beaten 26-6 by England last month at Twickenham. For the match against Ireland at Murrayfield on Saturday week, the selectors have made eight changes, but intro-duced only two new internationals.

McGeechan, the captain, is the only three-quarter to survive

(Surrey) in the final of Britain's narional amaneur squash rackers thamponship at Wimbledon Stadium this evening. In the semifinal round Leslie, the 1975 winner, beat his successor, Philip Ayton, by 2-9, 9-5, 9-7, 9-4 in 63 minutes, and Richardson defeated Stuart Courtney, twice runner-up, by 10-9, 3-9, 10-8, 9-4 in 78 minutes to qualify for the most important final of his career. only three-quarter to survive Twickenham. The seesaw between Morgan and Lawson continues. They have alternated at scrum half since 1973.

In the pack, Carmichael, holder of 46 Scottish caps, is dropped for the first time since he became a regular member of the national side in 1967-68, and one lock and both flankers disappear. Scotland's somewhar improved record over the past few years has been largely arributable to consistency of Ayton, four years the semor, subjected Leslie to a more worrying examination than the score may suggest. For most of the first game and much of the second and third Ayton's court craft and crisply ridy mixture of the long and short games gave him a practical authority that severely tested Leslie's fitness and self confidence. Ayton led 4—2 in the second game. In the third he was three times in hand at 7—3, but during this critical phase Leslie played his finest squash, hitting five winning drops and conceding nothing.

Earlier in the match Leslie had chiefly been concerned with a policy of containment; maintaining a sound game under considerable pressure from a man who was working him hard. But Ayton needed four game balls to win the first game and towards the end of the second and third there were signs that he was weakening.

the past few years has been largely attributable to consistency of selection. Now, it seems, the committee have decided that a fresh start is needed.

The two newcomers are Gammel, who is 24, and Fender, aged 28. Gammell, a long-striding right wing, has scored 23 tries this season, including two pairs for Scottish Select XVs, against Japan In September, and against the British Post Office at Kelso ou January 13. He also had a brace for Edinburgh against Glasgow in the inter-city a week last Saturday and made the opening for Scottand's only try against France in Saturday's B international at Hughenden.

Gammell is 6ft 3in and 134 stone, impressive proportions for some-

Gammell is oft 3in and 134 stone, impressive proportions for someone who, in his schooldays at Fettes, was persuaded that he was 1000 small for 11957. He had, only the odd minor match there—as a hooker—and turned his attention to squash rackets, at which he became runner-up for the Scottish Under-18 championship. He resumed rugby at Stirling University, where he was in the liften from 1972 to 1974, and spent the 1974-75 season with Straticyde University before he joined Edinburgh Wanderers. of the second and third there were signs that he was weakening. The fourth game was the easiest of the match for Leslie. The genuine contest had already been decided. Ayton had indicated that he was the more accomplished player, but Leslie proved that he was the more resilient competitor. The great thing about him was his ability to withstand intimidating pressure without any loss of ball control or assurance.

Courney had three game halls

control or assurance.

'Courney had three game balls in the first game and three in the third, but lost both. Richardson's capacity for hanging on in adversity eventually broke the resistance of a gifted shot-maker whose ratio of winners to errors tends to have a decisive effect on most of the matches he plays. Courtney produced ample evidence of his superb touch on the voiley and his flair for masking his intentions.

In every same except the last

In every game except the last he had more winners than Richardson. But Richardson always made Courtney work hard, retrieving many of Courtney's most searching shots and keeping him under pressure by hitting to a length, keeping the ball close to the walls, and making Courtney hostle to the front of the court more often than he wanted to. But essentially it was Courtney's inability to seize his chances in the first and third games that cost him the march; and Richardson must take much of the credit for keeping the door closed when it seemed that Courtney was about to burst it open.

Motor racing

Scheckter has first drive in six-wheel March By John Blunsden

can motor racing champion, had his first drive at Silverstone yesterday in the experimental sixwheeled March-Ford 2-4-0, which he will almost certainly be racing for the first time at the British Grand Prix on the same circuit in July.

Grand Prix on the same circuit in July.

Scheckter, aged 29, elder brother of Jody Scheckter, of the Wolf team, has joined March Engineering this season with the backing of Rothmans International, in whose colours the March-six-wheeler will be racing as soon as development of its novel four-wheel drive transmission system has been concluded satisfactorily.

Yesterday was Scheckter's first wheel drive transmission system has been concluded satisfactorily. Yesterday was Scheckter's first experience of the six-wheeled March, and although a partially wet track prevented any serious lap times, he said afterwards that he was pleasantly surprised with the feel of the rear end of the car, despite the extra weight of approximately 100lb compared with a conventional four-wheeled design. It was thought that the six-wheeled configuration might have created problems in balancing the frost and rear suspension systems, but this does not seem to have been the case.

However, there is still a long way to go before the March team can be confident that their six-wheeler is a potential race winner, not least of which are the weight penalty and trouble with an overloaded bearing in the transmission system. A programme of chassis lightening is expected to reduce the weight penalty by at least a half, and a stiffer drive shaft should overcome the transmission weakness.

Unlike the six-wheeled Tyrrells

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Unlike the six-wheeled Tyrrells raced for the past year, the March 2-4-0, with its duplicated rear wheels, enables much smaller rear tyres to be used as a major contribution to reduced wind resistance, and March Engineering's design director, Robin Herd, says he is confident that the Tyrrell team are also experimenting with tendem rear axles, "because the potential advantages in terms of greater straight-line speed are too great to be left unexploited".

A year ago there was some justification for believing that the six-wheeled grand prix car was little more than a technical experiment being carried out in public. But with the assistance of Goodyear,

with the assistance of Goodyear, who have agreed to make special tyres for the Tyrrell and March teams, the concept must be taken seriously as a parameter for future

Yachting

Challenger to be launched this week

Perth, Anstralia, Feb 8.—After six months of hard work Australia's challenger for the America's Cup emerged from the factory in Osborne Park here today. The sleek 12-metre yacht will be launched at Yanchep, north of Perth, later this week.

The New York-based designers, Bob Miller and Johan Valentiju, and the young West Australian builder, Steva Ward, will spend next week fitting out the \$250,000 yacht and from out the \$250,000 yacht and from out faults. Valentiju, who worked on the ream who prepared the successful America's Cup, said the Australian challenger would be similar to the United States entry.

tial citizen at 6ft lin and 17 st 2 lb. He has played for Hawick since 1972, the South of Scotland since 1973 and for three seasons in the Scotland B side. He has many times been Scotland's prop replacement and appeared in the upofficial international against

Japan this season.

His power and scrummaging technique have for long been in no doubt. After the match against Japan it was asked whether his reactions were quick enough for international loose play, but he and Aitken excelled egainst lân McLauchlau, the then Scottish captain, and Carmichael when the South outplayed Glasgow in October and he had a good match against France B with a dire shortage of weight behind him in

Those who return to the back division are Renwick, who replaces his Hawick colleague, Cranston, at centre; Shedden, who comes in on the wing for Lewis Dick, and Morgan. Barnes, too, displaces his Hawick partner, Alan Tomes, at lock, and Riggar and Watson centre on the figure for Lewis

at lock, and Biggar and Watson reurn on the flanks for Lander and Alex Brewster.

In announcing the side, the seectors made it known that Brewster and David Leslie, a regular flanker of last season, had not been considered because of injury. Leslie has played only once since his back was damaged in the South v. Glasgow match in October. Brewster damaged knee ligaments in a national forward practice at Murrayfield on Saturday.

A remarkable feature of the selection is that the committee have either broken up or chosen to ignore three established partnerships. The broken one is that of Ron Wilson and Lawson. It had been thought that if Morgan returned at scrum half he would either bring with him his Edin-

who was Saturday's Scooutside half, or be partue

fight ol

Similarly, it was believe Similarly, it was believe Barnes returned it would partnership with Tomes, said to play much b Barnes's company. The or was whether Barnes was enough for the top grade on a great deal of we season when hampered achilles tendon injury never looked hard-train Had it been decided to Hawick pair between thei South of Scotland props.

Only uncertainty about much better player that when he won five caps and 1975. Scotland's k

The Scotland tear

A. R. Irvine (Heriot's B. Gammell wanderers), 1. K. K. K. (Headingley, captain), J. wick (Hawlck), D. Stietd of Scotland); R. Wilson Scotlish), D. W. C. (Stewart's Melville F. Aitken (Gala'), D. F. (Gosforth), N. B. K. (Hawlck), I. A. Barnes A. F. McHarg (London M. A. Biggar (London D. S. M. MacDonald Scottish), W. S.

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New and renewed: Pender (left) wins his first cap for Scotland against Ireland. whereas Morgan is again recalled at scrum half.

Happy end in Bart's family show

By Gordon Allan

Bart's 12 St Bartholomew's, the holders, are in the final of the Hospitals Cup rugby competition for the second consecutive year. They beat Westminster at Richmond yes-

second consecutive year. They beat Westminster at Richmond yesteriaty by four penalty goals to a goal and a try, and on March 9 will play either the London or St Mary's, who contest the other semi-final tomorrow.

This was one of the best hospitals matches for years. If it had been the final, people would talk about it and use it as a touchstone in this competition for a long time. But semi-finals are like runners-up: nobody remembers them. Posterity consigns them to lists of results, and there they remain.

As Hollywood would say, there was something for the whole family in this match. To separate the relevant facts from a mass of incident. St Bartholomew's were nine points up in 35 minutes, but Westminster scored a lovely try to make it 9—6 at halftime. Ten minutes into the second half Westminster scored again, to lead 10—9, but two minutes later St Bartholomew's licked what turned out to be the decisive penalty.

Three of St Bartholomew's penalties were from discouragingly long range, but they kicked them none the less. Westminster, on the other hand, missed five penalties. Phillips failed twice (he hit a post with his first) and Gwyther three times.

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Besides ldcking their goals, Se Bartholomew's scrummaged and tackled hard. Westminster had the more inventive back division, but St Bartholomew's blotted them out time and again. Nobody played better than St Bartholomew's scrum half, Milford. He injured his left ankle early in the game

better than St Barmotomew's scrum half, Milford. He injured his left ankle early in the game but carried on with pluck and panache. Tactically, he and Frame could not be faulted.

In the first kalf, Frame kicked two penalties and Powell one for St Bartholomew's, all for ruck offences. Powell hit the target from 50 yards and an angle. Asquith, an Oxford blue, scored Westminster's ry. Warlow made the break from a tapped penalty on halfway, Hughes ran 30 yards, diagonally, into St Bartholomew's 25, and his inside pass gave Asquith the chance to score before the posts. Gwyther converted. After several narrow squeaks on St Bartholomew's line at the start of the second half, O'Driscoll scored Westminster's second try. start of the second and, o bracon scored Westminster's second try. They harassed Milford at a line-out near the corner, and Codmore exploited the short side of the ruck to send O'Driscoll over. The

ruck to send O'Driscoll over. The conversion was too difficult for Gwyther. Then Westminster were penalized in the loose a yard inside their own half and Powell kicked the goal.

AT BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL:
J. Powell: S. Bonn, D. Boyle, S. Williams, R. Miller; J. Frame, G. Milford: D. Badanoch, B. Marlen, N. Debenham, A. Fitzpatrick, J. Capper, I. Wright, P. Gough, J. Rayo, WESTMINISTER HOSPITAL: B. Gwyther; P. Pritchard, P. Asquith, K. Rughes, P. Tali; R. Phillips, P. Rawie; J. Fraser, V. Nicholis, G. Wilson, R. Thomas, T. Allan, S. Warlow, J. O'Driscoll, R. Cudmorn, Referer: J. Trigs (London);

Gordon League need va beyond the call of duty

By Richard Streeton

The Gordon League club of Gloucester seem likely to need all the heroic qualities shown by the hero at Khartum from whom they derive their name, if they are no beat Fyide on Saturday in the second round of the John Player Cap. Falletians, from Wartord, the other jumor club still in the competition, meet Gosforth, the holders, and they, but, seem likely to be left only with the consolation of a healthier bank balance by Saturday evening.

The minnows have a harder time in rugby cap competitions than in other sports because of the accepted principle that the best players in junior clubs move on to seek wider recognition of their talents. Even the giant killers the competition has provided in in brief history, such of Orrell, Morpeth, Walerield and Wilmilow, at least shared a background or physically fough northern fixtures.

Gordon League in their time have launched me England international players on their way among them was Tom Voyce and in recent years John Watkins, the Gloucester flanker, who now coaches them, John Bayliss, last season's county captain, and the Dir twing, among the backs, are their best known players. They beat Chelmaham Civil Service 83—3 at the weekend, which as an official admitted was a mired blessing for preparation purposes.

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The semi-final round of the University Athletic Union (UAU) rugby championship, sponsored by Watney Mann, with be played this afternoon. The University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology (UWIST), last season's winners, meet Newcastle University at Loughborough College of Education, and Swansea, who were runhers up last March, play Loughborough at the Oxford City in the Cinb. Both matches will start at 2.15.

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Cinb. Both marches will start at 2.15.
With Graham Price, of Wales, at prop and Gareth Davies, of Cardiff, at stand-off half, UWIST heat Nottingham in the last round by two penalty goals to one. New-castle succeeded against Bristol by four penalty goals to two. No doubt the successive side will be hoping for a more exciting score line toby two penalty goals to two. No doubt the successful side will be hoping for a more exciting score line to day. Newcastle finished runners up to Durham in 1970 in the last UAU final played before Twickenham became the ground for it.

Loughborough, winners in 1975 and on 13 occasions before that, finished strongly in their quarter there should be no recommendately and the strongly in their quarter there should be no recommendately as a sense of the strongly in their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their capanin, from dut, but the return of A their c

Moreno and Solar are expected to play the singles, Muntanola and Solar in the doubles.

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armichae in Garnet should prove strong and victimough to fight off Andy Pandy and Andy Pandy fighting finish. and Andy Pandy fighting out the finish. As expected Sea Pigeon stood his ground at the four-day stage of acceptors for the Schweppes Gold Trophy yesterday. Thirty one have been declared. Besides Sea Pigeon, Peter Easterby has also accepted with Anna's Prince. Other trainers to be dually represented are Fulke Walwyn with The Dunce and Zeilaman and Rimell with Keilder Forest and Hiram Maxim. Fred Winner, who has never won the Schweppes, has declared three. Acquaint. Old Man Dimplex and Linksy. Hills latest betting on the race is as follows: 4-1 Artifice, 10-1 True Lad and Sea Pigeon, 14-1 Tiepolino, 16-1 Oranmore and Fighting Kate. The handicap experts have been tunnelling their way through the form book like moles in order to undermine our faith in Artifice, who has been backed down from 20-1 to his present price. Raceform Private Handicap have come up with Fighting Taffy and Oranmore, who both ran so well behind Gathering Storm at Sandown on Saturday. They also give good chances to Firesilk and Vespucci. Timeform's new discovery is The

ion Richards, the Greystoke ck Park this afternoon. He win the National Trial with Sir Garnet, the s Farm Handicap Hurdle Embargo, and the Ribble Handicap with Rustic

e will be an inspection at oday, in case of overnight

National Trial, now sponby Malcolm Fudge and known as the Haydock Vational Trial, will once ict as one of Red Rum's reliminary races before Two years ago the dual National winner surprised a including his trainer by fwe victory in this three half mile contest, when red in need of the race. ared with the National Red Rum is leniently with this afternoon's run-rith the exception of Sir-but Donald McCain does consider Red Rum ready inself justice. "Red Rum and happy after his toliday at Tarporley", the rt trainer said yesterday. he National is still seven way and I have left plenty

on. I'd be content to get round safely and himself." larnet has gone from to strength this season, last three races in good the last meeting on this the last meeting on this go beat Set Point by eight over this distance. Set a that form no harm at accounting for Ganford; Wetherby on Saturday. Dickinson will be trying it his victory here on Gold early in January, I Saley's eight-year-old only risen sharply in the but was also thring when we teskes from home in efficier's race at Kennonn.



Gordon Richards : chance of treble at Haydock Park.

chief threat to Sir Garnet should be posed by Andy Pandy and No Gypsy, who is the only one of this afternoon's six runners not en-gaged at Aintree. Andy Pandy may be the spearhead of Fred Rimell's attempt to win the Grand National for the fifth time. National for the fifth time.

Already successful three times this season, Andy Pandy was staying on strongly when fourth behind Zeta's Son in the Anthony Middmay, Peter Cazulet Memorial Steeplechase at Sandown Park. Rimell's string are in great heart at present. Although I am told to put in a good word for No Gypsy, who was unsuited by the heavy ground in Gay Vnigan's race at Cheltenham's New Year meeting, I expect to see Sir Garnet

STATE OF GOING (official): Pont-well Park: Stepplechase course, heavy hurdle course, soft, Haydock Park Stepplechase course, good to soft, and the course, soft, with one or two ways patches. If heavy avgraigh



Timeform's new discovery is The

Timeform's new discovery is The Dunce, as they consider that both Princely Mark and the Duke of Devonshire's six-year-old showed considerable improvement on their Kempton running behind Artifice when first and second at Wincanton last week. Much as I respect the reasoning of these learned publications, Artifice, True Lad and Tiepolino remain my three for the race.

rdy doubles up with Slap Happy More Wayward, who revels in the soft going, stormed back to winning form with a smooth five lengths win over Navy Blue in the South Shields Handicap Steeple-

ith great dash by Nigel his own and runs in got favourite backers off d start in the Seaham Selling Handicap when

sgot favourite backers off distart in the Seaham Selling Handicap when to a two and a half in from Seaton Sands, ands set a blistering 1, but was collared on 7 Lerazma.

Who attracted a lot on at the auction, was n for 1,050 guineas, second division of the Novices Hurdie the 11-8 Sisp Happy, came with to best Tamdhu by five

interpretation trainer, Jack lengths. Slap Happy then had to survive a stewards' inquiry into possible interference with The Muck-pretation are dead in the stewards found that Slap Happy did interfere with The Muck-pretation are dead in the stewards found that Slap Happy did interfere with The Muck-pretation are dead in the closing stress but shifter in the closing stress but shifter in the closing stages, but ruled that the interference was accidental. Christopher Fairburst gained his tenth success on Shirty Boy,

Dennis Atkina, riding his six-teenth winner of the season, urged More Wayward into the lead on the flat. More Wayward is owned by Rupert Chalmers-Watson. Said Wilf Crawford, saddling his fourth winner of the season, from a 12 horse string, "More Wayward does not take long to get over his races, and will pro-bably turn out again at Catterick on Saturday." Santon Brig. owned by Mrs Betty Stein, wife of the Ladbrokes Chief, ran out a very lucky 10 lengths winner from Suspender in the Horden Handicap Steeple-

Rusthall can knock spots off his rivals

By John Karter The withdrawal of Shejahnu, one of the favourites for the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle at Chichesternbam, from the Chichester Hurdle at Fontwell Park this afternoon will inevitably mean a click rather than a clatter at the turn-stiles. The race is still an absorb-ing one, however, and Josh Gif-ford, who took the prize last year with Charlotson, has good reason to believe that Rushmere can give him a repeat.

After he had won his first two races, at Sandown Park and Ascot, Rushmere was being spoken of as a candidate for top juvenile hurdling errors. However, he could only finish third to unconsidered Gambling Prince at Haydock Park in his next race. Rushmere has been upplicated in both his subsequent races, but they were good-class events and he ran well up to a point on each occasion. When he won at Sandown, Rushmere ended the winning run of Vivacissimo, whom he ning run of Vivacissimo, whom he beat by two lengths and he meets the latter on 131b worse terms now. This should, in theory, be more than enough to enable Vivacissimo to reverse those placings, but he has not run since October and Rushmere may pre-

vail again.

St Torbay made an extremely impressive winning first appearance when strolling home 15 lengths from O'Couna at Southwell. Whether that performance was, in the words of the song "just one of those things" or whether it was the birth of an exciting new star is difficult to say. Possibly the former interpretation may prove to be the answer. Friendly Builder did well to beat a big field comfortably at Worcestor, but the one they may all have to beat could be Rusthall, who has been improving throughwho has been improving through-

After a fourth to Levarimoss in a well-contexted race at Newbury, Rusthall gained a convincing win from Bronson and True Shot (winner of bis next two races) at Cheltenham. Rusthall is given narrow preference over Rushmere and St. Torbay. Victory for Rusthall could be the second leg of a double for Fulke Walwyn, whose Brantridge Farmer appears to dominate the Findon Handicap Steeplechase. Five times successful over the course. Brantidge

Reynard.

Another sound bet should be king Neptune in the Selsey Novices Steeplechase. King Neptune stayed on resolutely to beat Parkhouse and Durham Town on this course last month and should not be troubled by the extra distance today. He looks a class above the other recent winners, Court Shadow and Gypsy Baron.

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2.45 NATIONAL TRIAL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £2,460:

over the course, Brantridge Farmer's most toublesome rival would apear to be Price

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Lincoln Handless, Doncaster: La Bambola, at 2.00 pm. February 4, figured National Steenbermes, Liverpool: Mourneview, at 150 pm. February 7, All principles, Coliso, Louis Steenbermes, Coliso, Coliso, Polymer Coliso, Francisco, Polymer Coliso, Francisco, Polymer Coliso, Polymer Coliso, Royal Steenberme, Miss Isla.

Athletics

Britain could be too weak for Italians

Athletics Correspondent
A weakened British athletics team may have their work cut out to hold Italy when they meet in today's indoor match in Genoa. With two of the most impressive winners at the AAA indoor championships 10 days ago, Allan Wells (50m) and Sebastian Coe (800m), having refused their invitations, Britain are now without two more national champions. Peter Kelly (50m hurdles) and Aston Moore (triple jump) have withdrawn. The trip also takes in a match against Spain on Saturday in San Sebastian.

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Wells is replaced in the sprint by Les Hoyte (Thames Valley Harriers), who joins his club colleague, David Hill, in facing Italy's new national record holder for 60 metres, Ghisdulich. In Milan last week Ghisdulich ran 6.84 sec. breaking a mark held by the European 200m champion, Pietro Mennea. In the AAA championship Hill and Hoyte ran 6.8 sec with manual timekeeping, which is reckoned to be slightly faster in its results than the automatic apparatus, as used in Milan. So it should be a close race.

In the 800m Coe, a devastating winner of the AAA title at Cosford, is replaced by Peter Browne (Thames Valley Harriers). Browne was originally selected only for the Spanish match, and is one of our most internationally experienced indoor runners. our most internationally experi-enced indoor runners, but he and John Goodacre will face a formid-John Goodacre will lace a formo-able opponent in the Olympic finalist, Carlo Grippo.

The multi-lingual Grippo has just returned from a series of in-door races in the United States, and, with a best outdoor time of imia 45.3sec must be one of the favourites for the European indoor 800m title next month.

Kelly is replaced in the burdles by Mark Hatton (Reading), and Moore is replaced in the triple jump by Reynold Edwards (Haringey and Southgate).

In the women's match Mary Stewart steps down from the 1.500m, the distance at which she set a British record at Cosford last month, to the 800m, in which she faces Gabriella Dorio, bronze medallist in last year's international cross-country chempionathy. Of more irritating significance to Miss Stewart, however, will be the fact that it was Miss Dorio who finished just 0.4 of a second ahead of her in the Olympic 1,500m semi-final at Montreal, and thus kept her out of the final by half a stride. Miss Dorio finished sixth in the final.

The Italian women's captain is finished sixth in the final.

The Italian women's captain is Sara Simeoni, the Olympic silver medallist in the high jump, with a leap of 6ft 3jin. She may not reach that height indoors, but she usually jumps well when supported by the fiercely partisan Italian crowd.

The riddle of who will succeed Britain's international team leader

Britain's international team leader when Arthur Gold leaves his post as honorary secretary to the British Amateur Athletic Board in June is no nearer being solved with the amnouncement yesterday or 1977. Miss Marea Hartman, the board maiss marea starman, the board treasurer and women's team manager, will be overall team leader for men and women if Britain reach the final of the European Cup in August. But two other names also figure prominently. Douglas Goodman is named for the international matches

for the international matches against West Germany and the Soviet Union, and Robert Stinson for those against Sweden and Poland.

British teams for Genoa





Cricket

MCC are well tended but ill-mannered on tour

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent

Bombay, Feb 8 MCC encamped here this even-ing, in readiness for the fifth and last Test match which starts on

fast fest match which starts on Friday, after the customary long delay. Due before lunch, they landed from Indore in time for a late dinner. Those of them suf-fering from minor injuries—Tol-chard, Miller, Old and Randall— are all expected to be fit for Test

It says a lot for the players themselves, and for Mr Bernard Thomas, their physiotherapist, that so far only Flenther, at Calcutta and Madras, has been unavailable for selection in any of the Test matches. This must be something of a record for a tour of India. M. Dickness of a record for a tour of India, if not of any country. What is much less to the credit both of the team and the management is much less to the credit both of the team and the management is the reluctance with which they give their autographs. The politest request is turned down, much more often than not, in the most high-handed manner.

enthusiasts were in Indore sirport at nine o'clock this morning, hoping for autographs. They were still there at six o'clock this evening when the MCC team boarded their flight to Bombay, by when they had received numerous insults and no more than the odd signature. While Gavaskar, a passenger on the same flight, obliged his admirers. MCC rejected theirs, though for the hour and a half they were at the airport they had nothing to do with their time.

We have a word for this sort We have a word for this sort of behaviour in Hampshire: it is "ignoraur". It will do as well as any to describe MCC's conduct on many occasions when they are asked to sign. Trying though it must often be to be besieged, it will be worse when they are not recognized at all in the not too

Michael Procter, the South African all-rounder, has been nom-inated as Gioucestershire's next cricket captain. The recommenda-tion, from the club's management committee, will go forward to the three dozen young club's council meeting in March.

Trafalgar Park shoot-out

Nelson, Feb 8.—Greg Chappell, ting with three wickets for one the captain, described the run off seven overs, including six the captain, described the Trafalgar Park pitch here as an shot oot for 126 on the first day of their three-day match against Central Districts here today.

The Australians slumped to the lowest score of their tour as the Central Districts medium fast bowlers extracted life out of the usually easy-maced mirrh. Chapmell

Trafalgar Park pitch here as an Central Districts secored 76 insult to his team after the before the second wicker fell, that Anstralian cricketers had been of Edwards who scored 49 includof Edwards who scored 49 including two successive sixes off noballs from the left-arm fast bowler, Gilmour.

But the two hours after tea proved disappointing for Central, and as in the previous two matches, Australia fought back to share the days honours. From 135 for four, Central Districts went to 141 for eight at close of play with four batsmen, Ellis, Holland, Bracewell and O'Sullivan making successive ducks. Atkinson was 27 not out and Thomas not out, 0, leaving Central Districts with a lead of 14 runs. bowlers extracted life out of the usually easy-paced pitch. Chappell jabbed a ball, which shot off a length, on to his stumps and other balls reared head high. Only Turner, who scored 37, managed a reasonable score, Kay picking up four wickets for 34 runs.

Lillee, Walker, and Gilmour failed to extract similar He from the pitch and it was left to the spin bowler Bright to rip the heart out of the Central Districts bat-

Bookmakers reject Tote money

annual general meeting in London yesterday, Eric Morley, the Bola chairman, said; "The application came from Tore Bookmakers, a subsidiary of the Tote Board who have recently sub-mitted to the Royal Commission on gambling that their aim is to eliminate off-course bookmakers. "How can an organization wanting to destroy bookmakers be admitted to a bookmakers' asso-

An attempt by the Tote to join clation? As long as they hold the Betting Office Licensees' Association—representing 4,200 betting shops—has been turned down. But if they have a change of Their cheque for £1,650 member—ship fee has been returned. At the matter." Last month, Woodrow Wyatt, the Tote chairman, submitted plans to the Royal Commission on Gambling for the Tote to take over all betting shops, close down 6,000 of them and form an off-course betting monopoly. Mr Morley said yesterday that Bola were submitting a supplementary memo to the Royal Commission pointing out "how ludicrous the Tote proposals are".

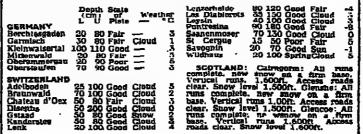
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Tignes In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:



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Empty property rates: completion notice must be specific

Camden London Borough Council v Post Office Before Mr Justice Thompson [Judgment delivered February 4]

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Where a rating authority has served a completion notice in respect of a building, the authority is not thereby entitled, pursuant to the notice, to demand rates in respect of a hereditament subsequently created comprising a part of the building.

His Lordship so decided in dismissing a claim by the plaintiffs, Camden London Borough Council, as the rating authority, for rates alleged to be owed by the defendant, the Post Office, in respect of its occupation of "offices and premises" at Euston Centre.

Paragraph I of Schedule 1 to the General Rate Act, 1967, provides: "1—(1) Where, in the case of any rating area in which . . . this

"1—(1) Where, in the case of any rating area in which this Schedule is in operation, any relevant hereditament in that area is unoccupied for a condinuous period exceeding three months, the owner shall, subject to this Schedule, be rated in respect of that hereditament for any relevant period of vacancy;

period of vacancy; . ."

Faragraph 8 provides: " (1)

where a rating authority are
of opinion—(a) that the erection of a building within their area has been completed; or (b) that the work remaining to be done on a building within their area is such a building within their area is such that the erection of the building can reasonably be expected to be completed within three months, and that the building is, or when completed will be, comprised in a relevant hereditament, the authority may serve on the owner of the building a notice (. "a completed on the competent notice") stating that the erection of the building is to be treated for the purposes of this Schedule as completed on the date of service of the notice or on such later date as may be specified. ""

Mr Gerard Moriarty, QC, and Mr

Guy Roots for the council; Mr Guy Seward for the Post Office.
HIS LORDSHIP said that in 1969 the council served a completion notice on the owners of Euston Tower, a 35-storey block at Euston Centre, appointing February 20, 1970, as the date of its completion for the purposes of Schedule 1. Subsequently, it was agreed between the owners and the council that the whole of the building, with the exception of ground floor

with the whose of the building, with the exception of ground floor shops, should be deemed to be completed on September 11, 1970, and that a rate in respect of a period when the building was unoccupied ("the empty property rate") would be payable from December 11.

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On June 9, 1970, the owners let the whole building except parts of the besement, ground and first floors to the Minister of Public Building and Works. enthusiasts were in Indore airport

On December 7 the Department of the Environment (which had replaced the Ministry of Public Building and Works) suber to the Post Office the whole of the 20th to 33rd and part of the 34th floors, together with 43 car parking spaces in the basement, for a term of years commencing on March 25, 1970.

The appropriate for the Post Office

The argument for the Post Office was that since the completion notice contemplated an endivided hereditament and no notice had been served which related to its been served which related to its actual hereditament, the Post Office was not liable to a rate under the empty property provisions. The contention was that there had to be a coincidence between the hereditament actually created and the hereditament described in the notice. The Post Office acknowledged that if that submission was correct, the empty property procedure could not property procedure could not safely or surely be initiated in the case of an office building like the present one until the actual hereditaments had been determined. His Lordship had not found in the provisions of the Act any escape from the conclusion that

the submission was correct. Under paragraph 8 (1) the rating authority had, as a pre-condition of serving a completion notice, to be of opinion that the erection of, a building had been completed or could reasonably be expected to be completed within three months. It also had to be of opinion that the building was, or when completed would be, "comprised in a relewant hereditament ".

The quoted words were difficult the quoted words were directly to construe and awkward to apply. His Lordship wondered whether the words might have been deliberately chosen to impose rating liability on the owner of an actual hereditament carved out of a whole building hereditament at a data subsequent to and in our date subsequent to, and in pursuance of, a completion notice, served on the whole building. He was not satisfied that would be a correct conclusion.

Nor was there any warrant for an alternative conclusion proposed by the council. That was that since the 36-storey block could have been a hereditament and the empty property rate on that hereditament would have become payable on December 11, 1970, the completion notice mrocedure should be condnotice procedure should be considered to have been complied with in regard to any hereditament created within the whole building and the appropriate rate for that lesser hereditament should become payable on that date.

Accordingly, the empty property rate did not become psyable by the Post Office. The claim failed and the Post Office were awarded costs.

appropriate case for an order to be made under Order 113. It would be nozed, however, that it was not an ordinary application by a land

cedures under the two orders differed in a number of ways, not only with regard to evidence. Under Order 28 proceedings were

Under Order 88 proceedings were in chambers.

His Lordship doubted whether Order 113 had any application whatever to an application by mortgagees for possession of land. The wording of Order 88 seemed impliedly to exclude the application of Order 113 to such applications. His Lordship suspected, however that the phint might

Chancery Division

Wrong procedure to recover possession

London Goldhawk Building Mr Hands, for the building Society v Eminer and Another society, submitted that it was an Before Mr Justice Slade

[Judgment delivered February 2] Lordship as to the applicability of Order 113 of the Rules of the Supreme Court to cases where a mortgages was seeking an order for possession against an unlawful subtenant who claimed to have purchased the freehold and therefore to have an equity of redemp-tion. The appropriate procedure was that under Order 88, and his Lordship therefore directed that the proceedings be remitted to chambers to proceed as an appli-cation under that order.

an ordinary spplication by a land owner against a squatter, but an application made by a mortgagee in his capacity as mortgagee for possession of the land.

In those circumstances the application plainly fell within Order 88, rule 1, which provided that the order applied to "any action (whether begun by writ or originating summons) by a mortgagee or mortgager or by any person having the right to foreclose or redeem any mortgage, being an action in which there is a claim for any of the following reliefs, namely—... (d) delivery of possession... to the mortgager by the mortgager or any other person who is or is alleged to be in possession of the property ".

Where a proceeding fell within Order 88 special rules were laid down by rule 6 in regard to the nature of evidence that must be filed, in particular by rule 6(3) an affidavit must show the circumstances under which the right to possession arose, and except where the court otherwise directed the state of the account between the mortgagor and the mortgagee. Procedures under the two orders differed in a number of ways, not Mr Justice Slade was delivering judgment on an originating summons by London Goldhawk Building Society against Mr Newzat Eminer, and his wife, Mrs Nedda Mr David Hands for the building

Mr David Hands for the building society; Mr Peter Clark for the defendants, Mr and Mrs Eminer. HIS LORDSHIP said that the building society sought possession of premises in Friern Barnet Road, London, under Order 113 on the ground that the defendants, Mr and Mrs Eminer, were in occupation without their licence or consent.

On January 10, 1975. Mr Umit Suleyman, then owner of the property, entered into a legal charge, by which he charged it in favour of the building society, under their previous name of London Investment Building Society. Clanse 4(3) of the charge provided that the mortgagor, Mr Suleyman, could not grant a tenancy without the society's consent, as mortgages. Mr Suleyman became in default under the mortgage, proceedings for possession were instituted against him and on March cations. His Lordship suspected, however, that the point might have been dealt with by recent authority, but since no authority had been clied to him, he would make no final decision upon it, for he was quite satisfied that whether or not it was appropriate in the first instance for the building society to have applied under Order 113 at a time when it might well be that they did not know of the existence of the contract of sale between Mr Suleyman and Mr Eminer, now that it was known it would be appropriate for the proceedings to proceed in chambers. On the defendants' evidence they had an equitable ceedings for possession were in-stituted against him, and on March 23, 1976, an order for possession in the society's favour was ob-mined.

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On September 30, 1976, the society sought to execute the order by a writ of possession. The sheriff's officer caused three persons then on the premises to leave with their belongings, but later two of them, the defendants, resentered the premises and remained in occupation of them.

The defendants had now filed evidence, which had not been answered. Substantially they said that in February, 1975, about a month after the legal charge, a Mr Soubhi, purporting to act for Mr Suleyman as freehold owner, purported to grant them a tenancy of the premises at £10 a week. They had never met Mr Suleyman, and at the time they believed that Mr Soubhi was lawfully acting for him, and they had no knowledge of any legal charge. About the end of 1975 or the beginning of 1976, Mr Soubhi, again purporting to act for Mr Suleyman, proposed that Mr Eminer should buy the freehold. According to the defendants' evidence, an agreement was eventually reached for sale of the freehold, which was evidenced by a memorandum dated June 19, 1976, signed by Mr Soubhi on behalf of Mr Suleyman, and the defendants paid Mr Soubhi the purchase price of £3,800. Mr Soubhi died on October 3, 1976, and the defendants discovered, to their surprise, from information given to them by Mr Soubhi's son, that Suleyman was an assumed name and that Suleyman and Soubhi were the same person.

evidence they had an equitable right to redeem the mortgage, and since they said, in effect, through their counsel, that they were principally interested in securing time before an order be enforced, they might wish to make arrangements to redeem the make arrangements to redeem the in any event, as matters stood, the Order 88 procedure was clearly the appropriate one to follow. His Lordship would therefore remit the matter to cham-bers, as if it were an application under Order 88. For that purpose the society should submit a sup-plementary affidavit to comply with the requirements of that order. Costs would be reserved to the master. the master. Solicitors: Warmingtons & Hast-ies: Tyler, Rosburgh & Dawson. Wilde, Sapte & Co ask us to point

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Mr Christopher Thomas Ewart Ewart-Biggs, of Chelsea, the Ambassador to the Irish Republic who was murdered by terrorists last July, left £86,132 net. He died intestate.

winde, Sapte & Co and us to point out that the reference in Industrial Properties (Barton Hill) Ltd v AEi Ltd (February 4) to "the impocent misrepresentation made by the solicitor" in 1966 does not apply to them as they were not acting at that time for the plaintiff company. Mr Fred Whittaker, of Middleton, Greater Manchester, left £31,920 net. He left all his property to Walshaw Masonic Home for the aged. Tottington.
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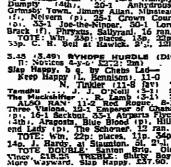
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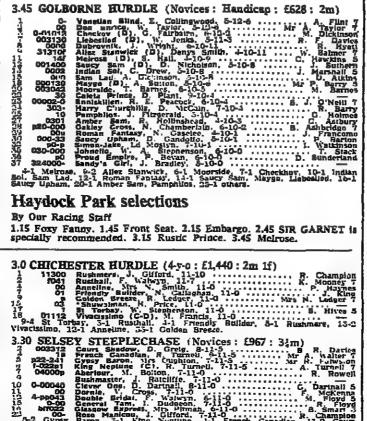
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It needs more than money to keep the wheels of democracy turning

This week's column is by Dianne Hayter, General Secretary of the Fabian Society .

The debate following the Houghton Committee's recommendation last year that government money be given to political parties centred around three points: first, "we can't afford it now"; second "they got us into this mess"; and third "it's bad/good for democracy". Unfortunately, few people have looked farther into what other form of aid could be given by government to help to keep democracy working properly.

I start, in discussing this last point,

from two basic premises. One is that I have no personal objections to state funding of political activity (was it only in 1912 ing of political activity (was it only in 1912 that such a fuss was created by the instigation of state salaries to MPs?). The second is that party work is both complex (and thus should not be treated as a whole) and also serious (and thus should not be treated lightly; rather we should seek to improve its working). Consequently—and as even the minority writers of the Houghton report agree—I would argue that helping parties meet the inevitable costs of fighting elections is benefit if postal votes are not ensured for the old, transport is not arranged for the infirm, and explanations on how and where infirm, and explanations on how and where to vote are not given verbally to those with difficulties in understanding forms. Such miner but vital tasks are currently

undertaken by party workers.

More interesting however, is the party's role in developing, in opposition, an alternative policy and programme to the government's (necessary not just for its own sake but to offer the electorate a choice) and in formulating, in government, and in formulating, in government, and the party has been applied to the second a coherent approach to the problems fac-ing decision-takers. Of necessity, ministers (and their shadows) are absorbed with the questions of today. It is beneficial to all that their supporters are meanwhile looking further sfield. I say supporters as it is only advice from such quarters that politiciens can really trust and rely on. Both parties have their difficulties with

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the "objective" advice of civil servants,
who anyway cannot be briefed to develop
objectives or consider implementing
policies in a politically feasible manner.
At present, both the Tory and Labour
leadership do have a source of such politically symmathetic advice and proposals.
Apart from suggestions on specific areas
from particular interest aroups (such as from particular interest groups (such as Shelter, the Runnymede Trust), they both have their own research departments (concerned mostly with next week or, at most the next election) and also, at arm's length,



their "think tanks "-the Bow Group and Fabian Society.

The latter are currently financed, some-

what meagrely, from similar sources as are their associated parties. There was no suggestion in Houghton that this should be otherwise, despite the example of Germany where there are research institutes (Stiftung) connected to each

nsitutes (Stiftung) connected to each party, heavily subsidized, in relation to each party's size, by state funds.

The Fabian Society, for example, thus will not only remain financially independent from government but will also maintain its slightly distant relationship with Transport House. That is to say, while efficient to be a nature it is nevertheless. affiliated to the party, it is nevertheless autonomous both financially and in terms of its policies. To those interested in developing programmes this distinctiveness is important. Not only can the Fabian Society stay out of arguments between "factions" in the party, but it can also, by not subscribing to the ideas set out in its publications, propose tentative initial its publications, propose tentative initial ideas without the heart rending that must accompany policy commitments.

It is partly for this reason and partly because it has only a tiny editorial staff

because it has only a tiny editorial start (of two) and no paid research staff, that it has both a wider circle of contributors and readers than just party activists. All its publications are by unpaid researchers, free from bureaucratic or party control, free to express views simed at improving and developing party policy.

The Bow Group, on the right, similarly jealously guards its independence from the formel party expressive. My belief is that

formal party structure. My belief is that these groups which can call on a wider

source of expertise contribute to a party understanding of the wast range of sub jects on which it must formulate policy.

By using specialists, the Fabian Society
can start from a deeper understanding of
the position and go on to detail a socialist

(or, for the Bow Group, a Conservative) approach to the problem.

The aim of such activity is naturally to promote better Labour (or Tory) government and as such, I believe, a better set of policies for all the electorate. To say that is not to argue for government money. But it is to argue for government help of But it is to argue for government help of another type: information.

It is surely in the interest of both government and public that the level of discussion on government policy should be both accurate and informed. All presbe note accurate and informed. All pres-sure groups, because of their interest in a specific area, fulfil a vital role on behalf of the community in exposing and exploit-ing data on their subject. It would be a shame if such groups had to spend dis-proportionate time delving for facts rather than considering and elaborating on them. Too often in our work, we are met with

a refusal to divulge non-security information. The message from non-government organizations of our type to governments must surely be "we don't need money to think, but information". More open government is better government.

Furthermore, I believe governments will get the lobbying they deserve : shallow and superficial if groups are starved of know-ledge, sophisticated and useful if the tools are provided.

C Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977

Has the cat sat on the mat for the last time?

Tho-mas, what a cle-ver thing it is to read! A lit-tle a-go, you rould read on-ly lit-tie words; and you were forced to \$ jell them, c-a-t, cat; d-o-g, log. Now you can read pretty sto-ries, and I am go-ing to tell you

The result of this kind offer was a tale about a sil-ly lamb who tried to be independent and was torn to pieces by a wolf—not sensationally pretty, but a sobering reminder of what went on in the name of teaching children to read 150

years ago.

The quotation—from Mavor's Spelling-Book—is one of those cited by Mr G. S. Chaimers in an essay on Reading Basy 1800-1850; a study of the teaching of reading, published by The Broadsheet King, 15 Mortimore Terrace, London NWS, at £2.50. It is only a sketchy survey of a It is only a sketchy survey of a large and sometimes doleful subject (how would you like to plough through yards of syll-ables like "ac, ec, ic, oc, uc" only to find the Shorter Catechism waiting for you at the end?) but it does also confirm that, despite such constrictions, brighter methods existed too.

In a set of facsimile-page examples, and in a long and rather wayward Appendix of "Books which were used for the teaching of reading", Mr Chalmers touches on an unexpected variety of opportunities which were open to the humane or the well-to-do. Looking between his lines or investigating some of the books he mentions one can see that post-1944 education has not had a monopoly of liberal notions about learning to read. I don't know how far the "Giles know how far the "Giles Gingerbread method" was carried—when you'd learnt your gingerbread letters you could eat them—or how widespread was the success of Marshall's

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learning games—master a letter and Mamma will give you a little packet to open with a tiny book in it—but, given the inexperience of the times and the different opinions about the nature of childhood ancestors were not perhaps as benighted as we think. Perhaps, too, our post-1944 consciences should not be en-

tirely clear, and a twenty-first century Mr Chalmers may find some curious examples of illiberalism in our methods of teaching reading. The inanities of *Janet and John* have long been fair game for contemporsy humanists—and they even met with a stiff reprobation in that vanished Bullock Report of 1975-but one still does not find a wide anough awareness of the many alternative play ideas which, just as the eighteenth-century writers said, can "cozen a child into knowledge". (The most recent statement of this belief is in a new book by Leila Berg: Reading and Loving— Routledge, £2.75—where she once again stracks the pedants and promotes the nippers with an energetic sentimentality that will certainly make interesting reading in 2077.)

And, indeed, some of the booklets in Leila Berg's "Nippers" and "Little Nippers" reading series are an excellent adjunct to a less formal approach to learning-to-read; but beyond such essentially educational " compilations there is a hosr of commercial produc-tions which may have individual drawbacks yet at the same time drawbacks yet at the same time possess potentially entertaining play ideas. Leaving aside "pure" toys and games one finds merging into the terrain of printed books such things as "Playpacks from ITV's 'Rainbow' Programme" (Cape, 75peach), or "Child Play Moments", or "Child's Play Morivation Books" (from

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The Rhinogaroo from "Animal Lore and Disorder "-a beast from Africa who jumps great distances because of his very powerful tail.

Child's Play Ltd. Restrop Manor, Purton, Wiltshire, 45p each). Like so much commercial each). Like so much commercial material these booklets and playpacks have a relentlessly colourful, Design Centre, styling in their graphics, but they do present opportunities for imaginative exploitation. "Rainbows" like People at Work or Seasons have cut-outs, puzzles, posters and make-it-yourself games; the textless "Moments" books, like On the Farm, make use of smaller flap pages within larger pages to show the progress of little visual anecdotes; and the trendily titled "Motivation" books, like Letters and Words, although hampered by Blytonesque texts, present simple games and puzzles divorced from the schematic rigours of conventional education

eries. The firm of Child's Play have iso introduced other "toyalso introduced other "toy-book" ideas to the massmarket. If I Had a House (85p), for instance, is a thickboard panorama book which opens out from a compact bundle to a series of little bundle to a series of little scenes showing house-rooms containing such things as elephants, giraffes and Popsicle Men. Mr Lion's ABC and Old Macdonald had a Farm employ the catchy device of holes-in-pages. While the first of these is a failure—largely because of its messy art-work—the second, showing the animals appearing in Old Macdonald's farmyard, with appropriate grunt and moo words, could make for some words, could make for some noisy entertainment. Even so, however helpful

devices like these may be to the child getting to grips with books there is nonetheless an air of contrivance about them which is missing from the originals to which they may owe their existence. John Goodall's Park Park books have the control of the control o Paddy Pork books (Macmillan) are much more successful examples of flap-page stories than the "Moments" series, for instance, just as Eric Carle's Very Hungry Caterpillar (Hamilton/Puffin) has a degree of individual character quite lacking in Old Macdonald. How welcome, therefore, is

the republication, scheduled for

next month, of James Riddell's Animal Lore and Disorder (Atrium/Cape £1.50). This is one of the classic "heads-and-tails" books where, by means of pages sliced across the middle, you can make up a mad 200 of utterly impossible beasts. Furthermore, by a clever arrangement of printed words and letters you also get names and descriptions of varying degrees of plausible daftness (the Mog, for instance—a mix-ture of Moose and Dog—lives in the Far North, loves the snow and sometimes bites the Postman by mistake). Com-pared with the solemn lessons on Ox or Hog in Mavor's Spelling Book the nonsense of Animal Lore can be seen for the liberating thing that it is. It is also capable of offering far more incentive for learning

10 read than any reading scheme, ancient or modern.

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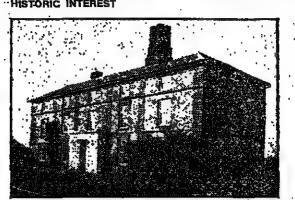
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The series of grubby expedients to which the Government have resorted in the hope of setting their Devoluion Bill through Parliament (the latest and most characteristic being a ake referendum, with the question fixed to produce the result required), leads me to offer a thought that has been taking shape in my mind for some time now. For the Devolution Bill and its presentation constitute the latest fragment of mosaic in what is now a regular pattern.

I do not propose to present my own views on the principle of devolved assemblies for Scotland and Wales. or on the significance that these hodies will or should have: still less am I going to discuss the question of genuine independence for either country. But it is necessary for me to say this much, and very obvious it is: that many men and women in Eng-land as well as in Scotland and Wales can and do support some form of devolution from the highest motives. feeling that these proud and ancient Celtic lands should have more control over their own fate, conditions, government and resources, or that such sharing of power offers a noble vision of the kind of place the United Kingdom should be, or that a loosening of the Westminster connexion will maradoxically extraction the content of will paradoxically strengthen the links that join the diverse parts of

the country.

But the point I am after is that nothing of all this animates the Government at all; there is no feeling that an injustice should be put right, or that a different future, full of promise, beckoos the country. From first to last, the only force behind the Government's proposals has been the need to placate sufficient Scottish and of parliamentary seats to the Nationalist Parties. Nothing else is involved. And this attitude, which I may call Government by placating, seems now —indeed, has long seemed—to run through virtually every significant

This is seen at its most obvious, of course, in the proposals and actions relating to the trade unions; so obvious is it that there is no need to go into great detail. Such measures as the Employment Protection Act, for instance, were clearly not animated—as they well could have been—by a feeling that working people had for too long been without the means of protecting their legitimate interests, and that the balance of industrial power had to be tilted away from its traditional centre of gravity. No, the whole body of legislation has been designed to placate those powerful trade union leaders, the modern equivalent of the old American city bosses, sufficiently to ensure a few more months or even weeks of office for the Government. The extinction of any right not to belong to a trade union, for instance, together with the refusal to allow even a general right of conscientious even a general right of conscientious objection (a measure now so indelibly, and so naturally, associated with the name of Mr Michael Foot), which would not have seriously limited the union's rights of organization in any way, were included at the behest of Boss Jones and his like, and are there for no other reason. there for no other reason.

Indeed, the use of this principle has gone still further. I had missed, until David Wood drew our attention to it a couple of weeks ago, the admission by the Government spokesman in the Lords (" the TUC and the man in the Lords ("the 10°C and the trade unions were determined to get a change in the law") that the proposal to revise the laws relating to conspiracy—which many would think long overdue—was put forward not because the loose form of these measures has led to repression and injustice, but at the behest of the union bosses; so it will be possible in future for thugs like the Blessed Martyrs of Shrewsbury to further their work of intimidation unhindered

We are entirely surrounded by examples of government by placating, and the list is almost unending

by any fear of a severe prison sen-tence when innocent workers get bashed on the head with iron bars. Such measures, as I say, are only the most obvious examples of Government by placating. But study, for another, the words of Mr Callaghan at the Labour NEC's proposal for nationalization of banks and insurance companies. Who can doubt that Mr Callaghan believes, and if he felt sure his words would not be received around in private say that repeated, would in private say, that the idea is economic lunary and that the idea is economic lunacy and that no government ought to as much as consider it? But he needs to placate the combined left-wing and fellow-travelling majority on the NEC, so he said of the proposal that it was an admirable one, that it must certainly be enacted, and that the only thing against it is the lack of legislative time.

But we are entirely surrounded by

But we are entirely surrounded by examples of what I am talking about. Many civil servants are in the fortunate position of having inflationproofed pensions. Perhaps they should never have had such rights; perhaps they should now be deprived of them.

they seem likely to be, fairly soon) the deprivation will have nothing to do with either justice or economics: it will be instituted only in order to placate those (in all parties and in the press) who have been producing the clamour against the bureaucracy, and the fact (among several other relevant facts) that the Government will be breaking its contract with people who entered government service with a contractual right to this benefit will not be allowed to stand in the way of placating those who insist that the contract be broken. What are many of the measures in the Immigration Acts but further

instances of Government by placating in this case placating the potential following of Mr Powell? (In particular what else was Mr Callaghan's contribution to this development in the matter of the Kenyan Asians?)
What else were the attempts to

fiddle the law on behalf of the Clay Cross Clan but the placating of all those in and around the Labour Party who think that the law may be bent. and ought to be broken, whenever party considerations demand it? If it comes to that, what else was the decision, taken on such considera-tions, to prevent Mr John Gouriet or anyone else taking legal action to stop the postal boycort of South Africa, but a reflection of the Government's feeling that the postal workers in general, and so staunch an ally of the Government as Mr Tom Jackson in particular, had to be placated?

What of the thousands of millions thrown down such bottomless drains as British Leyland and Concorde Are there not powerful groups and individuals to be placated, and is not the public purse as bottomless as the drains themselves? What of the heroic defence of Britain by Mr. Crosland against the hordes of Icelandic warriors and their dreaded cod-guas? Were there not people

stood up to somenody? And would not a little more time be gainedtime in which some further expedient could be hastily assembled—by placating them? What was the Bullock Committee-its majority and its terms of reference both arranged to ensure that the result, whatever the views of the employer members and indeed of Lord Bullock, would be what had been wanted in advance
—but more of the same? And the abolition of private practice within the NHS, which even Lady Castle knows will have no discernible effect on the efficiency or standards of the Health Service? And the Bill giving security of tenure in furnished living accommodation, which has virtually extinguished the provision of such housing altogether?

You can go on adding examples to the list almost indefinitely; cer-tainly the Government will (Take

the recent package of economic measures. Were they not, are they not, meant to save the country from ruin? If so, way were they only undertaken to meet the conditions imposed by the IMF in return for the loan? Will this Government not even take steps as essential as those except placatorily? It seems not.) Perhaps a government which has, like this one, lost all sense of purpose, all idea of an horizon, all desire except that of staying in office, must inevitably sink into the condition I have described. But the inevitability does not make the behaviour any better, nor the experience of being governed by people thus motivated any less depressing. I am almost inclined to say that an activals, malevalest profise on the actively malevolent motive on the part of our rulers would be better than this deadeningly passive one to which they are bound. Apart from anything else, do they never get even

slightly ashamed of themselves? € Times Newspapers Ltd. 1977

Detente: Mr Carter tries to temper his evangelism HANCE FC with common sense

Linkage is dead—long live re-ciprocity. This is the new catch-phrase for the changed handling take the new reciproin Washington of relationships with the Soviet Union. Anyone doubting that there is any sting in the change should consult with the Tass correspondent whose marching order President Carter authorized at the weekend in openly admitted retaliation for last Friday's expulsion from Moscow of an Associated Press man.

That was followed by Mr Carter's express concern for Mr Alexander Ginzburg, and his willingness to receive in the oval office such exiled dissi-dents as Vladimir Bukovsky and Alexander Solzhenitsyn.

If the new reciprocity works will mean that superpower business proceeds as usual, re-gardless of such sharply exchanged slaps. The intent at the White House is to try to keep issues separate, and unlinkedmuch the way, in fact, the Soviet Union has been practising détente, ignoring the theoretical "structures" which Dr Kissinger, the previous Secretary of State, pretended he was imposing.

Confusion for America's friends

The policy, which shows signs of being improvised in the new administration's initial on-thejob training, seems certain to confuse some of America's friends, irrespective of what it does to the Russians.

Incidents during the administration's first two weeks in office have produced at least two kinds of concern. There have been those Americans, mainly liberals, who have professed to speak for west European governments in suggesting that their reaction is alarm and dismay lest Mr Carter is off on a morality crusade. And, contrarily, there have been shreiks from armchair crusaders protesting that he in fact climbed down off his horse at the first snort from the Soviet dragon.

The trust is less stark, and a little more complicated. For those paying attention, Mr Carter has said enough in his long campaign for office to make it clear that he is serious in his concern for human in his concern for human rights, and in his belief that the American government and people should say and do more about it than was the case under Dr Kissinger.

Mr Carter is an evangelical Christian—he will bear witness. But where he is different, at least from the stereotype of the American moralizer, is in say-ing that he can at once speak out and do it without upsetting our efforts towards friendly relationships ".

It is another way of saying that there is no need to silence principles in order to get Sovie; agreement on nuclear weapons limitation. There is no linkage, because such mighty issues are decided by each side regardless of moral stands.

Thus in stating that the official encouragement given Dr Andrei Sakharov, the outstanding Russian diesenter, was not meant to be an "strack" on the Soviet Union Mr Carter is being consistent. The President most certainly did not rebuke those officials in the State Department who issued the Sakharov statement without making sure they had their minister's approval—(which is now accepted to have been a bureaucrafic mix-up of the kind that happens while people are still looking for keys to their desks).

Mr Carter merely stated the obvious with the sort of candour that still takes a lot of getting used to, that such statements about the Soviet Union with have to come from him, or from Mr Vance, the Secretary of

Kremlin reactions to the change may have to wait upon the first visit Mr Vance makes to Moscow in March. There seems to be little question the aging Soviet leaders are interto worry about the r about human rights?

After all, the Ameri very much in their s torrents of propaganc forth in renewed we Moscow anathematizin in Harlem and Mississ question, of course, is the Soviet leadership c informally, to turn a lf not will official outspokenness benefit the lives of those in c countries who dare to Helsinki freedoms Debate on this issue I begun in Washington.

But it is clear th: shortly be engaged i as the administration to make a major issu munist failures in hon undertakings at the conference in June fi Helsinki signatories sceptics here wonder the Soviet Union will seeking to have the ference in September

Proponents of the a of so-called "quier di always cite the issue emigration from the Union as the classic in overmeddling. Numb on the rise until pe most famous piece age" yet enacted—the Jackson-Vanik amend the 1974 Trade Ref (it still is law) to re compliance with totals of Soviet emig just Jews) in return favours export crec tacked on and made c The Soviet Union balked, the deal was inevitably, emigration currailed.

Dr Kissinger's claim if only it had been i secret persuasion in have been well. Yet Angola, the 1973 Mi war, to name but the examples, illustrate th of "linkage" whene not suit the Soviet U

The point is made b men in power here t can be a middle way the extremes of secre done) and the exces gress legislating favor

Action as well as

Professor Marshall recently appointed fr consultant to Mr —as has been widely that "the effort t and practices by governments is like counter-productive article on dealing witarian regimes in the ted from a lecture June) also urged ope logue "with a v voices" within these without polemics, as -

There is also Dr sure the dialogue and that there is act as words. Where, fo Mr Ford was advis Kissinger not to receive der Solzhenitsyn, I probably will.

Speaking of the dissidents, the Wash stated, "The least is to let them kno listening". But it is admitted the drawbar talk was the cheaper cal exports. "There: a line between pl cynic and the blabbe should be found and the paper urged. trying.

West Germany's burdens are greater than Britain's, says the outgoing ambassador

ingly successful years as West structural improvements in in tinued showing of anti-German Germany's ambassador in London, Herr Karl-Guenther von Hase is leaving Britain for Brussels next month—con-vinced that on balance, his country has heavier burdens to shoulder and more intractable problems to solve than Britain. Given the Federal Repub-

lic's high level of prosperity, this may seem paradoxical. But people in Britain tend to see only the economic aspects of the comparison, he pointed out in a farewell interview. They forget that they live within natural borders, surrounded fully divisive energy crisis.
only by allies and friends, at He believes the EEC lost peace with their historic past. West Germans, by contrast, live with the great national tragedy of the division of Germany, and everything that goes with it, including the permanent pressure of living at or near the communist border. In addition, they have to shoulder the burden of Germany's past, one of the factors which makes it hard for the Federal Republic to find its

final role in Europe. The British burden was from its economic rather than its political past, he said. Britain had pioneered the industrial revolution (to the benefit of others), just as it was now the first to see the limits of econo-

mic development.
It had suffered from the protected era of Commonwealth trade, and now found itself in the draughty air of European competition. It had been denied the mixed blessings of an end-of-war "zerohour", with the revamping of institutions and attitudes which followed in West Ger-

· His own country had a large halance of payments surplus; but industry lived on borrowed money to a much greater extent than here. Britain had its great invisible earnings, and assets as a trading nation which could easily be revived.
As for North Sea oil, he had
no doubts about its value, providing it did not encourage the dustry.

The common thread through of the Six had given the green light for the entry negotiations, which the Reath-Pompidou meeting made even greener. Then there was the historic Commons vote in October, 1972, and full membership from January 1, 1973; a very difficult first year, with the Yom Kippur war and the pain-

momentum during the Labour Government's "renegotiations" of 1974-75. But in exchange ative to the European Communities at a time when Britain has the Presidency of the Council of Ministers; and when his old friend Sir Donald Maitland, like him a former Foreign Office and prime ministerial spokesman, is in the chair of the powerful Com-

mittee of Permanent Representatives in Brussels. One of the very positive aspects of his exacting new job is that he will remain closely linked to the United Kingdom. He looks forward to using all his knowledge of Britain and dedication to his former job in the interests of Europe as a whole. He leaves London with the belief that good bilateral relations between EEC member states are far from having lost their importance. He sees them indeed as a precondition of good relations within the EEC, and necessary to achieve the highest possible

denominator of collective inlowed the controversy (in the letters column of The Times,

war films and so on in Britain. He thinks Germans should not Herr von Hese's seven years in overreact to these, and would London has been Britain's like to see patience, charm, wit entry into the European Community. He arrived just after to demonstrate again and gain and chart the European community to demonstrate again and gain and community the European community and the European community. that the Federal Republic has broken with the undemocratic

past. He has nothing against the but finds that the fresh anti-German inventions children's comics more worrying, since they risk perpetuating a negative picture on a non historical basis.

There are other psychological problems. Among them, he concedes, is the danger that West Germany, with its low there was the referendum on inflation rate and huge paymembership here, which he ments surplus, may seem the sees as a very precious basis. only EEC country to be in Now he is leaving to become step. Creditors are never liked, Bonn's Permanent Represent particularly German ones. The economic giant has put on political weight, but has not yet found its equilibrium.
This is a problem Herr von
Hase will have to face in Brus-

sels, and it is a mark of the

more political view of the EEC now being taken in Bonn that a man of his gifts and back-ground should at last be sent there, after a succession of economics experts. His fair-ness, tolerance, cact and ability to master his dossiers will all be stretched in his new lob. That he is a man of great self-discipline comes perhaps from his military background. Born in Silesia (now Poland), the son of an army officer, he was brought up in Berlin and joined the army in 1936. As a major he was captured by Soviet troops in February 1945, and stayed as a prisoner in the

Conditions were harsh. Hundreds of thousands of Ger-Relations between London mans died. But Herr von Hase and Bonn have been on a steady upward curve, he believes. He has naturally followed the correct of the way the Germans had treated so Soviet orisoners. on the whole correct, given the way the Germans had treated Soviet prisoners.

Five years after joining the

near Moscow, then east of Leningrad.



Bonn Foreign Ministry he became head of the press sec-tion, then chief government spokesman. He served in this difficult post for one and a half years under Adenauer, through the Erhard era, and for a year under Kiesinger,

before becoming state secre-tary at the Defence Ministry. He is how 59, and regards his seven years in London as the most fascinating of his professional life. It is symbolic of the cultural enrichment which his family has derived from

their years here that three of his five daughters will be staying behind to work or study in England. To have so firm a friend of Britain in Brussels will be no small asset. Roger Berthoud

I'm sorry to inform you

The Times Diary

Wi Lee Jo and the Dragon Lady

P. H. Simpligessverk, my British affairs analyst, writes: Fierce rivalry, accompanied by extravagant public denun-ciations, has blown up among the former followers of Chairman Wil Sun, the late spiritual leader. Wi Lee Jo, formerly Wil Sun's information commis sar, is leading a campaign of vilification against "Dragon Lady" Madame Ma Tse Ya. Among Jo's charges is one that Madame Ma nagged Wil

Sun to an early grave last year -when, after a power struggle, he was succeeded by Sun Nee Jim. He also alleges that she indulged in bourgeois fripperies such as writing letters on lavender-scented rice-paper (so that they could be eaten after they had been read). On one such piece of paper, Jo says, Madame Ma write out the names of her henchmen whom she wanted made Heroes of the People's Struggle.
Madame Ma was said to be "indisposed" yesterday, but she issued a statement in which

she hurled rival accusations back at Jo. He had, she said, raken part in a whisky-throwing orgy and other excesses, includ-ing a telephone-smashing inci-



This sign's lack is of any alter-native suggestion. It was photo-graphed in a London glass factory by Nina Kaye of Wands-

dent, while working alongside Wil Sun at Dow Ning Street. Executors for Wil Sun produced a long wall poster denouncing Jo for his treachery to the memory of the revered leader, who kept him on as a placeman even during the long years of his disgrace between 1970 and 1974. It is known that Jo and Madame Ma were constantly battling for the ear of the leader.

There is speculation that Jo's move against Madame Ma might have the support of Sun Nee Jim, anxious to secure h' position anxious to secure h' of the Vill

thought highly significant that numerous Broadway musicals—the Daily Mirror, the official notably South Pacific—has just party newspaper, devoted five whole pages to Jo's denuncia
It is called My Heart Belongs

Another mystery is the sup-port given to Madame Ma by Lon Fud, who fell out with Wil Sun many years ago and who does not owe his title of Hero of the People's Struggle to Madame Ma. His letter in her defence appeared in The Times, a semi-official neuropeared. semi-official newspaper.

The line-up on either side is of a complexity which baffles even the most experienced and thoughtful eastern observers of occidental politics. It is believed that the true explanation may lie in further ramifications which the tightly-controlled press is not allowed to publish.

Professional

Walking through Mayfair after lunch, I mused that what the Wilson regime lacked was pro-fessionalism. The Haines revelations and recriminations reinforced the impression already given by the Crossman Diaries of an administration constantly or an administration constantly bickering, plotting among themselves in different corners of the kitchen, occasionally throwing whisky, telephones or each other about the room. There was a lack of discipline and unifying purpose,

I had, I must explain, just been luncher with Mary MarIt is called My Heart Belongs

and it is published here on Valentine's Day, but it is not as gooey as those two facts would indicate. It is a straightforward show-business autobiography (complete with the childhood memory of the dry-goods store with the wire that automatically whizzed change and bills across the ceiling) and it will charm those who are charmed by show-business autobiographies. Miss Martin herself would

charm even those who are not. At 63, she admits to still having no clear idea of why she has heen so successful. "I've never been a fan of mine", she told me. "I don't sing that well and I don't dance that well."

She has the quality most admired on Broadway—attack. She belts out the songs with verve and volume, giving audiences little chance to escape

She also has the perseverance needed to get on to the Broadway stage to start with. At the start of her career, she went to audition after audition, facing frequent rebuffs, until by the law of averages someone had to hire her. And in the middle of her career she took a year off for singing lessons from Dino

There are not many of her corr around nowadays. This, she herers, is because of the rival "Nowadays people want everything", she said. "They want to try everything." And the belt-it-out school of singing

is in any case not too well suited to television. Miss Martin arrived in London on Sunday, the day the Queen celebrated 25 years on the throne. It reminded her that King George VI had seen South Pacific the week before he died in 1952, and she had been presented to him backstage. He told her that he enjoyed playing her records, when he could prise them away from Princess

She admires our royal family. "They do it so well because they work at it", she said. She plans to return to the stage, after an absence of eight years, if a suitable show is found for her. If she does, she is sure to work at it and do it well.

Old stager

Talking of old professionals, they do not come much older than Richard Goolden, who received a special award at the Variety Club's annual show Variety Club's annual show business prizegiving at the Savoy yesterday for his long career as Mole in Toad Of Toad Hall. Goolden, only a few days from his eighty-second birchday, was until last month giving three performances a day, two in Toad and one as an elderly civil servant in Tom Stoppard's Dirty Linen.

A small, bent, but sprightly and witty man, Goolden is taking a few weeks off for what he that you have been recommended for a peerages



described as " a small operation for an old gentleman's complaint", but he has every in-tention of reappearing next pantomine season yet again in Kenneth Grahame's classic children's story. He first played the role in 1930; this year's production was his twenty-second appearance in

the part.
"The last thing I ever won

was a medal for running when
1 was a youth". Goolden revealed. "Today I feel less like The crunch wou a mole and really rather more like an elderly chimpanzee. I thought I was passé, but apparently not"

He told Lord Delfont, who presented him with his silver heart-shaped trooby, that his friend, the late A. P. Herhert, had once greeted him in the street with: "Hello: I thought we were both dead."

In last Friday's Diary I wrote: "What we need is a good scan-dal." Would that all my wishes were answered so promptly.

Fun food

My suggestion that the new National Theatre restaurant arm.) should try matching their meau to the plays in the repertoire has excited some interest. For a start Reginald Spink, a former committee member of the translators' association of the Society of Authors, takes me to task for saying that I would have liked some of the blood sausage frequently referred to in a cyt-ent production, Tales from the Vienna Woods. It is, he says disparagingly, only black pud-

ding mistranslated. Cyril Ray disagrees with my suggestion of pasta for The Merchant of Venice. Venetians, he says, are more likely to prefer rice or polenta, and in any case nothing less than a pound of flesh would really

The crunch wor : come, Peter Allen when Titus Andr pares a pie of two u baked in their own gruesome idea that 1 lenge any restaurai

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E CHANCE FOR PEACE

Waldheim will know an to expect a very come when he arrives le East tour on which lked to the leaders of) states and of the Liberation Organizahopes he might have thieving a diplomatic igh were firmly by Monday's statethe Israeli foreign Mr Allon. Israel still solutions 242 and 338 urity Council (providne recognition of all he area with "secure ized boundaries" and negotiations between) but does not accept nt General Assembly affirming the right estinians to self-deternd to an independent ie sees the latter as ng the former and y role for the United a the peacemaking

beim will be received the honour due his but clearly Israel has a of helping him with aid on him by the sembly of finding a e PLO to participate gotiations. For sub-cussions on the next rards peace, Israel await the visit of Mr : in the month, for rs the United States mediator in the

Mr Vance himself said at a press conference on January 31 that he had "some thoughts" on the Palestinian question which he preferred to keep to himself. He did say, however, that so long as the PLO refused to recognize Israel's right to exist and to accept Resolutions 242 and 338 as a framework for negotiations it was "difficult to see how progress can be made". He emphasized "that we continue to believe that the recognition of the legitimate interests of the Palestinian people will be critical to any peaceful settle-

A careful reading of these statements shows that Mr Vance would not rule out a role for the PLO in negotiations if the PLO could be brought to recognize Israel's right to exist and to accept negotiations based on Resolutions 242 and 338. This is also the direction in which the main Arab states are working, but it is not ver certain that they can get the PLO to deliver. One reason for this is that it is equally uncertain whether, even if the PLO were to oblige, the Israelis could be brought to soften their opposition either to the presence of a separate PLO delegation at the Geneva Conference or to the creation of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip as a component of an overall peace settlement. In the hope of making this easier for them. President Sadat has suggested that such a state should be linked

in some way to Jordan, and both he and President Assad have pushed the PLO towards a rapprochement with Jordan, probably with the idea that this might make possible a joint delegation at Geneva.

This pressure is unwelcome to most Palestinians, who still harbour a strong grudge against King Husain over the events of 1970-71. Mr Arafat appeared to be deliberately avoiding a meeting with the King on Sunday. But his freedom of manoeuvre is much more limited than it used to be, and on the same day it was announced that a PLO delegation was leaving for Amman " for talks on the implementation of the Rabat summit conference resolutions". These resolutions provided for an independent PLO "authority" (or state) in any Palestinian territory relinquished by Israel, but also for coordination of both military and diplomatic efforts between the PLO and Jordan, Syria and Egypt.

A clear resolution of the issue is unlikely before there has been a full meeting of the Palestine National Council on the one hand, and before the general election has been held in Israel on the other. Moreover Mr Arafat may use the latter as an excuse for a further postponement of the former. Yet both Dr Waldheim and Mr Vance are surely right in believing that this year offers a chance which will not last indefinitely, nor soon

SSING THE ROLE OF COAL

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two years since the and, in spite of the higher coal Plan for Coal was burn by the electricity authoriburn by the electricity authorities, increases in coal prices have been far higher than the general level of inflation and eroded what was thought to be a newfound competitiveness with oil.

Recommendations in 1974 for an effective incentive scheme have not yet been implemented, but at least the National Union of Mineworkers has taken an initiative by setting up a study group on this critical matter. Nevertheless, the industry is pointed in the right direction, if still burdened down by its debt interest despite huge grants and financial reorganization.

Britain has technically recoverable reserves of coal amounting to some 45,000 million tons, enough for over 300 years at current rates of output. It is reasonable that this should be exploited in a more planned way after the postwar experience of decline, culminating in bitter and unprecedented industrial disputes, and the salutory reminders from OPEC of the economic vulnerability of industrialized nations with persists, the miners heavy dependence on imported

Since the inception of tripartite agreement on expanding coal output the Coal Board has identified many opportunities for new investment. Already more than 80 major projects have been approved, covering the establishment of new mines, modernization of existing pits, and exploiting open-cast opportunities. Now we are told that original estimates for these and subsequent capital projects may prove widely wrong, even allowing for inflation. Clearly, the Government should not allow its obvious enthusiasm for the plan to outweigh normal caution in appraising individual developments.

It is no less important that the same enthusiasm for exploiting coal reserves should not give the board a remit to dig where it likes without regard to social considerations. The case of reserves in the Vale of Belvoir, for example, requires an assessment of the widest character, including submitting any of the coal industry's assumptions about the future balance of energy supply to close public scrutiny.

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d dignified struggle saying that they have systematic-can Islanders, or ally been paid less than their of try to correct in-fair share from the benefits of the phosphate on their island, and they look jealously on the citizens of Nauru, who, similarly dispersed from their phosphaterich home, have attained substantial wealth.

> The financial claims of the Banabans are accompanied by a claim for political and constitutional independence from the Gilbert Islands. The British Government, while not shutting the door completely, has been less than enthusiastic. It has to consider, too, the rights of the Gilbert Islands, which are now self-governing and likely to obtain independence within two years, and those of Tuvalu, formerly the Ellice Islands, which broke away from the Gilberts in 1975. Both of these groups have only limited economic potential and they have in the past relied heavily on funds from phosphate royalties to keep them going. Those royalties will come to an end in about three years, when the phosphate on Ocean Island

> runs out. Moreover, the British Government can point justifiably to the fact that while the Banabans have, in absolute terms, received a small proportion of total phosphate royalties, if looked at per capita, the islanders have not done all that badly, and have, on

their own admission, squandered or invested injudiciously much of their income. The British government must also have in mind the possibility of Ocean Island regaining economic potential through, for instance, fisheries under the forthcoming international 200 mile limits.

The Banabans cannot have it all ways. If they accept a settlement from the British Goverament, choose to go on living in Rambi (which is the only home which most of them have known) and achieve independence, or whatever association with Fiji is considered appropriate, they cannot ar the same time retain their sovereign rights over Ocean Island. That does not mean that they ought not to be allowed to keep their rights as landowners, and to continue to have the right to enter and stay on the island. It would be unjust, however, in effect, for the flag of Fiji to fly from the scarred face of Ocean Island. Within those limits, there would be no reason for the British Government to oppose the Banaban wish for separation from the Gilberts. It should in any case make a generous payment to the islanders - in whatever form would be most advantageous to them-as compensation for the substantial moral, if not legal, wrongs it has done them in the past.

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Stallworthy and Dr nuary 24) urge the accept responsibility compensation when follows immunization They argue that the the vaccine have no il responsibility unless established.

agedy of brain damage eviously healthy child ng and understandable elatives to seek the disaster, and to lay in someone's doorstep. Parliament, solicitors to support such claims tion believe they are best interest of the erned but unless in 1 of all the facts this he case.

age to a child may during or after birth es are often unknown. s occur most parents ake a slow and painful djustment to their

family tragedy, often with the sup-port of a professional team skill with the management of handicapped children. Multidisciplinary care is provided for the physical and emotional needs of the child and family within the framework of the Health Service. Support of parents is often a prolonged and delicate process in which their emotional reactions are channelled into constructive ways of helping their child. Thoughts of litigation or compensation do not usefully contribute to this process. Professor Stallworthy has made the point that no money can compensate for a handicapped child. All surgical and medical treat-

ment or prevention carries some risk. Patients have a right to know what the risks are before undergoing treatment or agreeing to prophylactic measures for their children. Once the facts (as they are known) have been explained to them by the doctor concerned, the patient should accept both the risks and benefits of the treatment given. In the case of whooping cough vaccine the facts are unclear medical opinion divided

between the risks and benefits. (It is our personal view that the vaccine should be temporarily withdrawn

until the facts are known.) Successful claims for compensation will require proof and at present this is difficult or impossible to obtain in a child developing brain damage after an immunization procedure. An association of two events in time does not estab-

lish a causal relationship. Finally, all families of handicapped children need efficient, sympathetic and at times costly help. For if the Ombudsman were to recommend that one very small group of handicapped children should receive cash compensation this might have an unfortunate effect on the morale of the majority. Yours faithfully. J. COGSWELL, Consultant

Paediatrician. RAIKES. Development Paediatrician, Poole General Hospital,

Longfleet Road, Poole, Dorset.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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this; they are backed up by the important work that has been done in this country, in India and elsewhere by the Tavistock Institute of

Human Relations. It is sad, of course, that the spendid work done by the Tavistock after the war in the coal mines was dropped in this country, and was taken up by places like Scandinavia and the

The very best examples of effec-tive participation can probably be seen in the United States where

the emphasis has been on direct

communication to workers on the

shop floor. In this country progress towards effective shop floor

gress towards effective shop floor participation has been seriously hindered by the introduction of the shop steward system during the last war, with the result that communication is seen as being funnelled through him. In Europe the naive political concept of participation has also been a block towards developing senuine shop floor participation

loping genuine shop floor particl-

It is interesting to note that many

German industrialists who regarded supervisory boards as being harm-

less and even mildly useful have now come to realize that the unions have been blocking appointments

to boards in heavy industry and the

new 50 per cent workers on boards system poses a danger of national

syndicalist planning by the unions.

It is for this reason that we termed the Bullock Report and so

much comment on participation as being illiterate. It is sad indeed

that all the significant research on participation during this century

seems to have totally passed by

those who write with such convic-

tion about the subject. It is also sad in that industry's great social

need—to involve men and women at lower levels of the organization, to use their intelligence and experi-

ence to the full, and to make their

work as interesting as possible—is being side-stepped by the applica-

tion of these naive, unsuitable and

MICHAEL IVENS, Director,

dangerous penaceas.

Yours faithfully.

Aims of Industry.

Fetter Lane. EC4.

5 Plough Place,

February 4.

United States.

Preserving the sixth forms

From the Headmaster of Highbury

Grove School

Sir, There will be considerable disquiet within the teaching profession, and among others concerned for the healthy and purposeful development of secondary education, at Mrs Williams' apparent recent interest in terriary reorganization. The dein tertiary reorganization. The de-capitation of comprehensive schools to effect administratively near solu-tions to the problems of sixth form provision will prematurely confirm in their views those who felt that comprehensive reorganization could only affect adversely the educa-tional prospects of our most academically promising youngsters, and will dismay those who saw in it the possibilities of genuine advance. The implications for both the 11-16 and the 16-19 sectors are manifold, and some of them potentially disastrous. There will be, I suspect, an inevitable tendency for those teachers most devoted to their subjects (and that will include many of those best qualified in them) to gravitate towards that sector where there will be the most obvious job satisfaction, "A" level teaching, with the consequent loss of their influence in the 11-16 range (a loss to their colleagues as well as their pupils). There is the considerable possibility that appreciable numbers of pupils, for whom the transition from fifth to sixth form studies within the institution they already know is a natural and attractive progression, will be deterred by the prospect of an entirely new start in a different educational environment (and what will happen to those pupils who wish to resit examinations they failed in their fifth year?). There is the further, more subtle,

and much less readily definable, change in the general ethos of the school which would result from the removal of even a comparatively small sixth form, affecting the quality of educational offering for all. Sixth formers themselves would be denied the opportunities at present open to them of developing qualities of leadership and service to others (many in my school, engaged in "A" leval studies, devote some of their time to assisting first year remedial readers).

Undeniably, there are administrative problems created by the present and projected fall in school rolls. There are also solutions to these problems which need not have the problems which need not have the morale shattering effect that yet another form of reorganization would have upon the education service. It would be a tragedy if Mrs Williams, who has got so many of her emphases right, should jeopardise the consensus she seems capable of sustaining by sacrificing the long term educational interest to a dubious political or economic

Yours faithfully, LAWRENCE NORCROSS, Headmaster, Highbury Highbury New Park, N5. February 8.

A Rhodesian solution From Mr R. W. Kettlewell

Sir. As one who served in Central Africa for nearly 30 years, I welcome your realistic leader "The End of a Mission" (February 2). Your recognition of the importance of the possibility of some internal agree-ment between Mr Smith and the black majority leader, Bishop Muzorewa, is a timely reminder that, until recently, the British Government rightly insisted that the people of Rhodesia should sort things out themselves. It was most unwilling to become involved.

Now that the militant nationalists have withdrawn, surely this is the e for Britain and America to do all they can to encourage a genuine internal settlement—instead of condemning it—and to withdraw sup-port for those who wish for a com-munist-backed military solution? Mr Vorster would presumably back such a policy and there would be a chance of preserving Rhodesia's vast potential for the benefit of all its inhabitants and of stemming the communist tide from creeping down Africa.

Yours faithfully, R. W. KETTLEWELL, Orchard Close, Over Norton. Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire. February 2.

Commons after devolution From Mr Tam Dalyell, MP for West

Lothian (Labour) Sir, Geoffrey Smith (article, January 21) suggests that, if there are to be Assemblies, 57 Scottish and 31 Welsh MPs should come to West-

Numbers are irrelevant. We, Scots, would be voting on policy and provision of funds for matters for which we have literally no responsibility.

In my own case, I could vote on local government reform in London, bur not in Lothian. I could vote on matters of building regulations affecting Bath, Avon, but not affecting Bathgare, the biggest town in my constituency. I could vote on betting loveries and gaming affecting ting, lotteries and gaming affecting Mrs Castle's constituents in Black-burn, Lancashire, but I could do nothing whatsoever in relation to the betting, gaming and lotteries in Blackburn, West Lothian. Or, take Mr Grimond. He could

vote on marine pollution measures affecting Margate, Kent, but could not express an opinion about marine pollution in Muckle Flugga, Shet-

Or take Mr Foot. He could vote on environmental matters in Washon the environmental matters in wash-ington, County Durham, the constituency of the Government Pairing Whip, Mr Dormond, but not on the environment of Ebbw Vale. Or, consider the position of the Prime Minister. He could raise matters of financing cultural activi-ties in Cambridgeshire, Mr Pym's constituency, but not in his own city of Cardiff.

The sooner we realize that in

trying to get assemblies in part—though only part—of a unitary state, the Government is embarked on Mission Impossible, the better. TAM DALYELL. House of Commons.

The Bullock Report: gradual progress

From the President of The Institute to be concerned with—that of Honours List of Chartered Secretaries and "participation"? Administrators

Sir, The terms of reference of the Bullock Committee were such that we can be grateful for a scholarly contribution to the debate about industrial democracy and unsurprised that an unpractical and potentially disruptive model has been sug-

gested.
The Chairman of the British Institute of Management suggests, in his letter (February 4), that there should be flexibility in the development of employee participation in the decision making process even at board level; but this could mean that the board structure will be-come a bargainable item in a list of trade union demands and that a whole range of sertlements could emerge across the industrial scene. This would be highly unsatisfactory administratively and confusing to say the least for the investing

public.

No doubt it is important that any decision to implement proposals for employee varticipation at board level should be agreed between shareholders, employees and manshareholders, embroyees and man-neement rather than imposed on any one of them; but arising out of the Bullock Report, we do not despair of arriving at guidelines for such participation or even a statutoro model which could be acceptable to a large number of 738 enterprises which the Report enumerates.

It is important to everyone con-cerned with high standards of administration that companies should not take too many diverse routes to what is an agreed destination—the greater involvement of employees in the decision making process. We should proceed by experiment, no doubt, in the first experiment, to down, in the first instance, but my to keep to a pattern which will make it possible for practical legislation to emerge and which at the same time will not divert us from the need to keep more or less on course with our

permers in Europe. In the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, we shall be putting our minds to the sergestion of such solutions in the

IOEN F. PHILLIPS, President. The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators. 16 Park Crescent, W1. February 7.

From Mr Michael Ivens Sir, Your interesting correspondence on the Bullock Report has tended to concentrate on the advantages or otherwise of compelling industry to accept trade union representatives on the board. May I comment on the one major aspect that the report was supposed

From Mr Tom Sargant. and others

Sir, Your report (February 3) about

the Hull prison riots, when con-sidered together with other accounts

prisoners involved in them, makes

it very clear that Boards of Visitors

provide a wholly inadequate instru-

ment for protecting prisoners against oppressive treatment and for remedying the grievances which

This is not necessarily their fault, because they are expected to combine these vital duties with the wholly incompatible function

of adjudicating on charges brought

against prisoners and of ordering punishment.
In May, 1975, the report of a

joint committee appointed by JUSTICE, the Howard League for

Penal Reform and the National Association for the Care and Re-

Association for the Care and Association for the chairmanship of Lord Jellicos, recommended that Boards of Visitors should cease to exercise

disciplinary powers and should be concerned only with the welfare and fair treatment of prisoners,

leaving offences other than minor

ones to be dealt with by panels of professional adjudicators.

Prison riots

lead to riots.

In November of last year, the Home Secretary announced in Par-liament that he could not accept this recommendation of the Jellicoe

In the light of recent events, and believe that this decision was unwise and on behalf of our respec-tive Councils we now urge him to

In the meantime we would like to point out that, since the treatment of prisoners is the responsi-bility of the Home Office, the Par-liementary Commissioner has full jurisdiction in these matters and

the right to interview any prisoner at the request of his MP. .In default of an independent inquiry, for which you rightly call, this jurisdiction should be actively invoked. Yours faithfully,

TOM SARGANT, Secretary of JUSTICE, MARTIN WRIGHT, Director of Howard League for Penal Reform, NICHOLAS HINTON, Director of the National Associa-tion for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, 2 Clement's Inn, Strand, WC2.

yhen your correspondents visit

Africa they should take time to have themselves properly informed and avoid wild and malicious asser-

tions that can only harm Auglo-

February 4.

African relations.

Republic of Togo.

Service.

From Mr T. D. Bridge

I am, Sir, yours sincerely.

KWAOVI-BENYI JOHNSON, Minister of Information,

Educating our masters

make invaluable contributions to the morale, efficiency and good leadership of their services. Their record—if nothing else—underlines

need for one for the .Civil

Lord Plowden's good report 1961-

63 on the Representational Services

Overseas, para 436, foresaw the need for those who work overseas: "A

Staff College may become desirable when the unified service " (Foreign

and Commonwealth were then separate) "has been in existence for some time. Among the advantages of such a college would be the

independent assessment it would afford of the abilities and promise

of members of the Service."

The Prime Minister will be in

particular sympathy with the last sentence. Your leader refers to "sharpening of faculties"; mid-career is also a time for assessment

and judgment.
On the page opposite your leader

was an interesting article on Cuba and Castro by our former Ambas-

sador in Havana. You, Sir, use his knowledge yet the Civil Service rarely draws on the experience of

the recently retired to help younger

people in mid-career.
The Cabinet look for savings. The

Civil Service Staff College wi bring these about in years ahead. Yours faithfully,

T. D. BRIDGE,

Tavistock Devom

Conditions in Togo

From the Minister of Information, Republic of Togo

Sir, My attention has been drawn to an article concerning my country, Togo, and our Head of State, President Eyadema, written by Mr Geoffrey Weston and published in The Times of January 15. I am surprised, to say the least, that a respected newspaper like The Times can publish the assertion that "life for the 30 ner cent of the two milfor the 90 per cent of the two mil-lion Togolese who live off the land continues much at it has for hundreds of years". Farmers do not pay tax in Togo and that must make a lot of difference to their lives, to say nothing else. In fact, the whole population, including farmers, have seen a significant improvement in their standard of living in the past

President Eyadema is neither a dictator nor a despot, and allega-tions that he has engaged in torturing political detainees can only be described as wicked. In fact there are no political detainees in Togo, and we shall open our prisons to foreign journalists and genuine representatives of Amnesty Inter-

President Eyadema has not only given our people a sense of national identity, as Mr Weston rather grudgingly admits, but he has also brought tremendous advancement in the social and economic fields and has made it possible for the Togolese nation to make a worthy contribu-tion to the cause of African unity. It is most absurd to suggest that President Eyadema must be dis-appointed at the siting of ECOWAS secretariat in Lagos. In helping to launch that august body, he has never sought anything for himself or for Togo. We are content that the organization's Compensation Fund's headquarters are in Lome.

As for the political dancers that greet the President on the occasion of international conferences, there is nothing Nazi about them, nor are they attempts at deification, as suggested by Mr Weston. They are just a part of African tradition and culture, a way of showing acceptance and appreciation of a leader. Anyone who is familiar with Africa

Finally, Sir, I would suggest that

From Mr S. C. Leslie During this century enormous sums have been spent on research on how men and women behave at work—much of it inconclusive. But

Sir Harold's

Sir, Of the merits of Sir Harold Wilson's resignation honours list, I share the probable view of the majority of your readers. What concerns me is the way in which its work—much of it inconclusive. But one rule of certainty which seems to be established through studies in the United States and elsewhere is that workers tend to accept change and react favourably if they are allowed to participate themselves in contributing their ideas and experience to the change. The great classical American studies show this they are backed up by the origins, actual or alleged, have been

About a year after I left the de-partment in which I spent the last dozen years of my civil service life, I was invited to lunch by a distinguished journalist. It appeared over dessert that he wanted me to talk about the inside goings on in my late department—what kind of discussions had taken place, who thought what. I refused, and would have expected appears in my own. have expected anyone in my own or a similar position to do the same.

or a similar position to do the same. There is value in importing experts into departments, for a term which may sometimes be prolonged and may even become, in the technical sense, permanent. Upon entry, they often have to live down a good deal of mistrust of their personal reliability on the part of their colleagues. For obvious reasons this applies particularly to journalists and publicity officers.

Whatever the technical rights and

Whatever the technical rights and wrongs, it seems obvious that the system can survive only if civil service conventions about the confi-dential nature of internal proceedings are respected by those who have done temporary service. There must be dozens of such people about with potentially remunerative secrets in their heads. No minister could be advised to put his head into the mouth of some imported Fleet Street lion with a long tongue and no disposition to sowern it.

and no disposition to govern it. Perhaps the matter will engage the attention of those responsible for the Civil Service, or perhaps of the Cabinet Secretariat, which has had recent experience of the prob-lem. A public statement of guidance would be helpful to the future of the official information

Yours faithfully, S. C. LESLIE, 5A View Road, No. February 7.

From Mr David Bett

Sir, The fuss about Sir Harold's Honours List is quite unbellevable to the ordinary person. What is it all in aid of? It goes to show once again how out of touch is the whole Establishment including, regretfully, yourself. Sir—in going on and on and on about an affair that po one outside Westminster, Whitehall and Fleet Street cares twopence about. It is rather as if the French Court at the time of Louis XIV expected the peasantry to take an interest in who took part in a Royal hunting DEFEY.

Yours faithfully, DAVID BETT, 6 Holland Park, W11. February 7.

Sale of Mentmore Prom Mr Hugh Leggatt

Sir, Mr Denis Mahon (February 7) draws attention to the fact that the proposed auction sale at Mentmore in May is taking place then because of an inland Revenue rule that probate valuations are only acceptable for three years after the date of death. It is to be hoped that this will be promptly rectified but even so the Treasury reply quoted by Mr Mahon strikes one as impractical and confused, so boding ill for sensible solutions.

The truth is that the crisis con-cerning Mentmore is the direct consequence of the workings of the fiscal juggernaut. Yet the Government has the effrontery to imply that it would graciously welcome the assistance of "private sources" in extricating it from its selfimposed quandary so that it need not shoulder its proper responsibilities. But the humbug of trying to face both ways is becoming increasingly implausible. Yours faithfully,

HUGH LEGGATT. Leggatt Brothers, 30 St James's Street, SW1. February 7.

From Mr Jeffery Daniels Sir, Mr Mark Girouard, in his letter

(February 5), emphasizes the points of difference between Mentmore and Waddesdon, whereas, in his own book The Victorian Country House (1971), he implies the opposite: on page 184 he describes Mentmore as an early example of what was to be a second of the country of the count to become the norm in Rothschild and other plutocrat houses" and on page 136 he sums up the impression given by Waddesdon as "entirely Posterials" Rothschild". Even on dating he exaggerates the differences, since, although Mentmore was completed by 1855, Waddesdon was begun in 1874, and the contents were being 18) rightly criticizes Fulton and advocates a staff college for the civil servant. In view of the evidence, one wonders why there has been so much (muddled) collected mainly during the late sixties.
One further point; if Mr Girouard hostility?
Staff colleges for the armed forces

and his friends wish to quote me, I should be grateful if they would do so accurately (my phrase was "a heterogeneous accumulation of prestigious loot"), and also with the customary courtesy of an acknowledgement Yours faithfully,

JEFFERY DANIELS, 5 Edith Grove, Chelsea, SW10. February 6.

Jubilee trees

From Lady Keswick Sir, May I make a more practical suggestion than some that have been put forward to mark the Queen's

Silver Jubilee—could not every parish in the land plant 25 trees, hard woods, oak, ash, beech, erc to mark this great occasion—this would do something to repair the deserts created by Elm Disease. The deserts created by Eim Disease. The fact that so many fine trees are past their prime makes planting a necessity as well as a pleasure—the money collected, now being devoted to well intended, but often "unendurable" souvenirs, could be used for this purpose. Yours sincerely, MARY KESWICK, Theydon Priory,

Theydon Bois, Essex.

February 7.



Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were

The Queen and The Duke of

the Right Hon Sir Martin Charteris and Mr William Hesel-

tine, were entertained at dinner this evening by His Excellency the

New Zealand High Commissioner and Mrs Carter at New Zealand

House, Haymarket.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior

Fellow, this morning presided at the Annual General Meeting of the Council of the Fellowship of Engineering at St James's Palace. Captain Duncan Christie Miller, RM, and Mr Richard Davies were

in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Captain General, Royal Marines, this

afternoon received General Sir Peter Whiteley upon relinquishing

his appointment as Commandant-General, Royal Marines, and Lieutenant-General J. C. C.

Richards on his assumption of

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Patron of Riding for the Disabled Association, this afternoon visited the Royal Mews Group of the Association.

attendance.
The Princess Ame, Mrs Mark

Roland Grimshaw were in attend-

February 3: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon visited the Head-quarters of the Invalid Children's

Ald Association, of which Her Royal Highness is President. The Hon Davina Woodhouse was

KENSINGTON PALACE

in attendance.

Miss Rowena Brassey was in

this appointment.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

February 8: The Earl of Selkirk had an andience of The Queen this morning when Her Majesty lowested him with the Insignia of a: Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle.
His Excellency Mr Victor
Timothy Likaka was received in
audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as High Commis-stoner for the Republic of Malawi

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the High Commission who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Mr Raphael H. Banda (First Secretary), Mr Hudson W. Tambala (First Secretary (Recruitment)), Mr Kazembe ((Education)). (Second Secretary

Secretary (Education)), Mr
Witnes D. Mkwaso (Second Secretary (Consular Affahs)), Mr
Elijah B. Joshua (Administrative
Attache) and Mr Marchew Ntonya
(Administrative Attaché).

Mrs Likaku had the honour of
being received by Her Majesty.

Sir Michael Palliser (Permanent
Under-Secretary of State for
Foreign and Commonwealth
Affairs), who had the honour of
being received by The Queen,
was present and the Gentlemen
of the Household in Waiting were
in attendance.

in attendance. Her Excellency the Hon Anne audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon Her Excellency relinquishing her appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the United States of America to the Court of

St. James's.
The Queen received the Bishop of Wakefield (the Right Reverend Colin Clement Walter James) who was introduced into Her Majesty's presence by the Right Hon Merlyn Rees, MP (Secretary of State for the Home Department) and did Homage upon his appointment.
The Secretary of State for the Home Department administered

Home Department administered the Oath.

The Right Reverend W. G. In attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 8: The Duke of Gloucester was present at the "Contact
Evening" of the National Hardwars Alliance Limited held at the
Hotel Metropole, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

His Royal Highness travelled in
an aircraft of the Queen's Flight.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland
was in attendance. Fallows (Clerk of the Closet to The Queen) and the Gentlemen of the Household in Walting were of the Household in Walting were in attendance.

Mr James Hamilton, MP (Vice-Chamberlain of the Household) was received in audience by The Queen and presented an Address from the House of Commons to which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to make reply.

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this afternoon planted a Lucombe Oak Tree in the Victoris Tower Gardens to inaugurate the tree planting pro-

inaugurate the tree planting pro-gramme in the Greater London area organized by the Silver Jubilee London Celebrations

Jubilee London Celebrations Committee.
Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received upon arrival by the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Alderman J. Gilett) and the Chairman of the London Celebrations Committee (the Egri of Drogheda).

Forthcoming

marriages

The engagement is announced between William Iau, son of Mr and Mrs T. J. D. Simpson, of Highfield, North Berwick, and Suzannah Mary, daughter of Brigadier R. F. B. and the Hon Mrs Hazersen, of A.S. James's mrs Hensman, of 4 St James's Terrace Mews. London, NW8, and of Kendal, Cumbria.

Mr T. H. Bartiam and Miss E. G. Balfour The engagement is announced between Thomas Hugh, only son of the late Captain Howard Bartlam and of Mrs Isobel Bartism, of Cawood House, Arkholme, via Caraforth, Lancashire, and Gabriel, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Balfour, of Beech House, Shalford, Surrey.

Birthdays today

Sir John Craig, 92; the Marquess of Exeter, 72; Sir Douglas Haddow, 64; Lord Pearce, 76; Professor S. E. Rasmussen, 79; Mr Dean Rusk, 68; Lieutenant-General Sir William Scotter, 55.

Marriage

Mr S. R. F. de Burgh and Miss K. M. Leighton-Boyce The marriage took place on Feb-ruary 5 at Brushford, Somerset, between Mr Simon de Burgh, son of Group Captain R. U. P. de Burgh and Mrs M. F. de Burgh, and Miss Karin Leighton-Boyce, daughter of Mr R. A. Leightondaughter of Mr R. A. Leightonoyce and Mrs. A. M. Baird.

By Penny Symon During the 25 years of the Queen's reign, it is estimated, about 20 million trees have died in Britain through disease, drought and old

The planting of new ones to

make up for the loss is seen as a way of marking the Queen's silver jubilee more permanently than with boldines and firework

celebrations, and yesterday a tree-planting programme was inaugur-lated in London. It is hoped that fr will inspire local authorizies, community organizations and pri-vete individuals to plant as many

trees as possible.

trees as possible.

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, planted a Lucombe oak tree in the Victoria Tower Gardens, Westminster, to begin the campaign, which is being organized by the London Tree Group, a subcommittee of the London Celebrations Committee, which was set up to coordinate jubilee events in the capital.

Several tree-planting projects are

Several tree planting projects are

planned for various parts of Greater London, which has suf-fered a loss of about 4,000 elms since 1974 as a result of Dutch

The Greater London Council is

yery concerned about the loss, and Mr James Kennedy, chief officer in the GLC's parks department, said that when one tree had to be felled the council undertook to

plant four in other parts of its

"The loss has been very serious, and unless we have two very hard winters, during which the eim bark beetle, which came to this country from North America, and not Holland, is destroyed by the cold, we shall have to continue to cut eims down as they become diseased."

ter of the late Mr and Mrs W. G. Gill, of Godalming, Surrey. Mr J. W. Hugonin and Miss S. Bray and Miss S. Bray
The engagement is announced

A memorial service for Derek Parker Bowles will be held in the Guards Chapel, Weilington Bar-racks, at noon on Wednesday, February 23.

A memorial service for Professor E. V. Telfer will be held at St Peter's Church, Eaton Square, London. SWI, at noon, on Thurs-day, February 24, 1977.

The funeral service for Mr William Wallace will be held tomorrow in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, W1, at 11.30

ane engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs W. F. P. Hugonin, of Park Cottage, Alnwick, Northumberland, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs S. P. A. Bray, of Chart Lodge, Seal Chart, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Dr J. H. Johnson and Miss C. V. S. Weir The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place on Saturday, April 2, between Jeffrey, second son of Mr and Mrs J. Johnson, of Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, and Carol, only daughter of Dr and Mrs R. J. Stuart Weir, of Brighton, Sussex.

Mr R. L. Underwood and Miss S. V. Hanson and Mrs Andrew Balfour, of Beech House, Shalford, Surrey.

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From The Times of Friday, Feb 8, In slow and solemn echo of Wednesday's tolling of the state bell of St Paul's the guns at the bell of St Paul's the guns at the Tower of London yesterday measured out the 56 years of King George's life. A moment before the first shots boomed across the water the tide had turned in the river which seemed to bear away to the sea of memory the reign of one more of the royal sons of time. As thought moved with the sombre rhythm of the guns the mood everywhere was of quiet recollection, gratitude for a life bravely lived softening everywhere the edge of grief.

The Queen opens tree-planting campaign

The Queen planting an oak in Victoria Tower Gardens.

He said the loss was not as worrying as some people thought. Elms suffered a similar plague about two centuries ago but they grew again.

The ceremony was a modest Thames to watch the ceremony, start to the jubilee celebrations and the Queen, who leaves to-day for a seven-week tour of Wes-

The Princess Ame, Mrs Mark Phillips, Honorary Freeman, accompanied by Caprain Mark Phillips, was this evening admitted to the Livery of the Worshipful Company of Farriers. Her Royal Highness and Captain Mark Phillips were later present at dinner at Innholders' Hall, College Street, London. who tip off the police about illegal activities. £1m jubilee Street, London.
Miss Rowena Brassey and Major
Nicholas Lawson were in attendexhibition ance.
CLARENCE HOUSE
February 8: Queen Elizabeth The
Queen Mother today visited the
International Spring Fair of the
Giftware and Hardware Industries
at the National Exhibition Centre
in Birmingbam.
Her Majesty travelled in at Alrcraft of The Queen's Flight.
Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston.
Captain Alastair Aird and Captain
Roland Grimshaw were in attendof 'British

Genius' By Kenneth Gosling

A jubilee exhibition costing fim and aimed at attracting a million people to the former Battersea funfair site was launched in London yesterday under the title "British Genius".

The John Player Foundation, which has organized it, says it is intended to show the British the contributions they have made to the world in the past century and to depict something of the future. In a message to the foundation the Duke of Edinburgh referred to the achievements of the past century as "probably the most prolific output by any nation in a comparable period of time."

"That this genius has not dried up is demonstrated by the num-ber of brilliant ideas of our own generation, but if they are to flourish they must be planted in a fertile soil", he said.

The site has been cleared and will be ready for the opening on May 27. To demonstrate the fertility of the Battersea soil, a field of barley is to be planted. Dominating the exhibition will be a Skylon-type structure re-calling the Festival of Britain. A central 150ft mast will rise above a 12,000 sq ft pre-stressed cauvas structure weighing 24 tons. The mast will be topped by a multicoloured "British Genius" sign, which is expected to become a new London land-

The exhibition will continue until October 30. The admission charge will be £1 for adults and 60p for children, old age pensioners and students. Each Monday from June 13 to July 11 and from September 12 to October 24, from 10 am to 4 pm, will be set aside for school parties. Until August 31 the exhibition will be men to 9 pm and from September 19 pm and open to 9 pm and from September 1 until 6 pm.

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Three sections bave been planned: from 1877 to 1952, including the speam nurone, me tank, the Vickers machinegue, television, reflector shuds, radar and penicillin; the Elizabethan concourse, with more contempor-ary hardware such as the "flying bedstead" from Rolls-Royce, the swing-wing aircraft of Barnes bedstead from nois-koyce, the swing-wing aircraft of Barnes Walli,s the Hovercraft, the high-speed train and an electric bi-cycle; and a view of the future, showing the train without wheels, power from the sea, the musical typewriter and the "solar eyeball", enabling low-cost electricity to be generated from solar radiation.

Sir Fred Cetherwood, chairman of the exhibition, who is also chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, said yesterday that the country's present difficulty was one of resources, of finding the funds to make the livestment that also could translate the inthat alone could translate the in-venive genius of the British into marketable products.

"This is the time to recover our nerve and get on with it", he said. "It is also the time to look farther ahead, to make sure we use the oil revenue to put down an infrastructure which will see us into the twenty-first century when the oil has gone."

Choices would have to be made between different life-styles, and it was probable that communication techniques would enable us, if we wished, to revert to cottage industry and away from the dehumanized mindless machines of twentieth-control mass productions. of twentieth-century mass produc-

Oxford college is planned for clinical students

From Our Correspondent

Oxford Oxford University yesterday approved in principle the foundation of a new college for clinical medical students.

Princess Alexandra, who opened the Hongkong Arts Festival on Sun-

day, waving to a shopkeeper's baby yesterday in a street of Chinese

stores. On a housing estate she met 3,000 Junior Police Call youngsters,

It is expected that, by 1981, 200 of the projected 300 students will become members of the new society, which will draw its fellows from the university and National Health Service con-

Senior associate membership and common-room membership will be offered to about 150 clinicians and community physicians who engage in university teaching. Several Oxford general

practitioners will also become practitioners will also become common-room members.

The new society will be named Radcliffe College and will be housed in the Radcliffe Observatory buildings, which are part of the Oxford Medical School.

Sir Richard Doll. Regius Professor of Medicine, told Congregation, the university's purliament, that the establishment of a new society would not involve the university in extra expense. society would not involve the university in extra expense, It was hoped that eventually the college would have about 50 fellows, including 14 senior members of the university not from the faculty of clinical medicines, 12 NHS consultants, and four holders of posts qualifying them for a professorial fellowship.

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Council: Mrs Peter Caziet, Mrs Hugh
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Jenny Chiching-Spar, Mrs Jenny
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Mrs J. Greenhalds, Mr J. Van der
Bosch, Mr and Mrs Jack Stelnberg,
Mr Peter Berliner, Mr Mark Norman,
Mr John Powell, Miss Anne Michel
Control British Fund for Jewish Relief
and Rehabilitation: Mr Jasper More.
MP, Mr A. Gordon, Professor Robert
Rhodes James, MP, Mr J. BruceCardyne, Mr Stophen Hastings, MP.
Mr Charles Douglas-Home, Mr J. and
Lady Sarnh Bally, Mrg A. Lochnis,
Mr Peter Wilson, Mr David Howelt
Crouch, MP, Mr R. Goldman, Mr Paul
Channes, MP, and Mrs Channes, Mr John Biggs-Dawison, MP, Prince Goorse
Calitzine, Mr and Mrs Alasier Bailour,
Mr Michael W, Bunbury (Smith and W.)
Jamson, Mrs Lonel Fraser, Mrs
Edward Reminston-Hobby, Mrs William
Rohrens, Mr and Mrs Mchael Sacher,
Colonel and Mrs John Williams-Writte,
Laile Prince, Mr and Mrs Charles
Fiction, Mrs Lonauric Stein, Mrs
Neville Bland, Mr Ronald and Llady
Glora Flower, Mr and Mrs Charles
Fiction, Mrs John Williams-Writte,
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Mr and Mrs John Killiam Mrs Mrs Mr and Mrs
Mr and Mrs Jecob Rothachild, Mr
Mrd Mrs Mend Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs Memorial services Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid
The Speaker was represented by
Sir Myer Galpern, MP, at a
memorial service for Sir Henry
d'Avigdor-Goldsmid held at the
West London Synagogue yesterday.
Rabbi Hugo Gryn officiated, and
Sir Isaleh Berlin, OM, gave an
address. Mr Edward Heath, MP,
attended, and Mr Mourice Macmillan, MP, accompanied by the
Hon Dame Katharine Macmillan. Hon Dame Katharine Macmillan, represented Mr Harold Macmillan, Among others present were:
Lady d'Avisdor-Coldsanid ividow. Virand Mrs. James Teacher: son.in-law and daughter: Mylor-General Birlands d'Avisdor-Coldsanid ividow. Virand Mrs. John Goldsanid, Mr John Goldsanid, Mr John Goldsanid, Mr John Walker. Mrs. Julian Goldsanid, Mr John Walker. Der Rachael Humer. Lady Kaldor. Mrs. Vers Russel. Mr Stehard Burton. The Ambassador: Mrs. John Walker. Der Rachael Humer. Lady Kaldor. Mrs. Vers Russel. Mr Stehard Burton. The Ambassador: Mrs. Vers Russel. Mr Stehard Burton. The Ambassador: Mrs. Vers Russel. Mrs. Mrs. John Walker. Mrs. Wert Russel. Mrs. John Walker. Mrs. Wert Russel. Mrs. John Stehard Burton. The Ambassador: Mary Duchess of Arqvil. Marquess and Marchioness of Linearies. Counters of Linearies. Counters of Linearies, Counters of Linearies, Counters of Linearies Pottle. Mr Manrice Lancaster (also representing Bechstate Club), Mr A. S. Gaselee (chatrman, West Ken; Hunt) and Mrs Gaselee, Mr M. E. R. Alsopp Intion Harvey and Mrs. Tharias of the Co. C. G. Fridge (Section to Marshall and Campion).

Rothschild.

Mr Spencer Le Marchanl, MP (representing the Opposition Chief Whip. House of Commons). Mr Anthony and Lady Violet Powell. Mr and Mrs. Joseph Neville, Mr Charles Rappapert (Jestwh Colonization Association. Mr

France honours two

British scientists The French Government has awarded the title of Chevalier of the Order of Merit to Sir Nevill Mott, FRS, honorary professor of experimental physics. Cambridge University, and senior research fellow, Imperial College, London, and to Professor Jacques Grosjean, professor of mechanical engineering, Bath University, for their part in improving links between French and British scientists.

Farriers' Company
Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips,
was admitted to the livery of the
Farriers' Company by the Master,
Professor F. R. Bell, at a special
meeting of the court held yesterday. Princess Anne, who proposed the toast of the Company
and the Master, and Captain Mark
Phillips, were guests at a court

Phillips were guests at a court dinner held afterwards at Innholders' Hall. The other speakers were the Master, Mr D. F. Ollver and Dr Oiga Uvarov, President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

Metropolitan Special Constabulary Sir Robert Mark, Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, and Lady Mark were entertained at dinner

at St Stephen's Club last night by

at st Supplied's Citio last night by the commandants of the Metro-politan Special Constabulary to mark Sir Robert's retirement next March. The chief commandant, Mr Arthur Hammond, was in the

The life barony conferred on Mr Brian Faulkner in the New Year Honours has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Faulkner of Downpatrick, of Downpatrick in the county of

Children's book reviews

A book review competition open to children under 12 years of age is announced this week in The Times Educational Supplement, It carries prizes to the value of more than 5200; the closing date is April 1.

Lord Faulkner of Downpatrick

Dinners

Raymond Leppard concert

Canon A. Fox

Mrs C. Williams

CONCERT

The English Chamber Ensemble, conducted from the harpisichord by Mr Raymond Leppard, will give a concert at St John's, Smith Square, Westminster, on Friday, March 4, at 7.30, in aid of Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for the Disabled. The programme will include works by Monteverdi, Cavalii, Albinoni and Vivaldi. The soloist will be Miss Norma Burrowes (soprano).

Calls to the Bar

The following students of the Inns of Court have been called to the Bar in Hilary Term:

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I. S. Singh, Singapore: M. A. Khan.
BA (Phalab), Ll.B (Karachi), Ll.M.
[Lond): G. S. Johal, Ll.M. (Lond):
R. D. G. Wallers, Ll.B (Wales)
T. Sagary-Nakoe, BA (Lond): K. H.
Dirabu, Ll.B (Aligarh): T. J. C. Eggar,
BA (Cantab): J. G. Shephard, BA (Oxon):
A. N. Wadling, BA (Kent), P. B.
Androws, Ll.B (Hull): G. S. J. Kealey,
BA (Oxon): A. M. Grounds, Ll.B.
BA (Oxon): M. Grounds, Ll.B.
Bishopsione: J. P. Petroll, Dublin:
O. R. Daviel, Perwich, Dublin:
O. R. W. Na-Nyardu Ashong, Ll.B.
(Lond): A. P. Gore, BA LLB (Cantab): R.
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M. M. Machaller, B. (Cantab): R.
N. Mikoor (Sierz Louie): C. G.
Raynor, Ll.B. (Wales): P. W. WardPerkins, BA (Oxon): Miss J. L. Webb.

on serum cholesterol. Whatever the explanation for the present epidemic of heart disease from coronary thrombosis, the experts are agreed that individuals with high serum-cholesterol concentrations are at increased rich.

tions are at increased risk.

The Italian report concerns a

LIE (Wales); C. L. Moruen, BA.
(Oxon:) V. T. Bevan, BA. LIB
(Cantab); Mrs. S. Johnson, LIB
(Cantab); Mrs. S. Johnson, LIB
(Leeds); D. M. Boyd, LIB (Birn);
R. Mordan, BA (Lond:) F. K. Pehu,
LIB (Lond); L. Newbon, LIB
(Excer); Miss D. S. Crossnian, LIB
(Excer); Miss C. G. L. Wee, LIB
(Nott); J. A. Holdsworth, BA (Oxon:)
Miss H. D. Draper, LIB (Excer);
P. Palitis, LIB (Leeds); M. Palmor,
(Lond); M. J. Hodson, Whitey Bay,
ILM (LIB (Birstol); R. N. Palmor,
(Lond); M. J. Hodson, Whitey Bay,
INNER TEMPLE
T. Sagary-Nokoe, BA (Lond); K. H.
Drahu, LIB (Hallagarh); T. J. C. Eggar,
BA (Cantab); J. G. Shephard, BA
(Oxon); T. A. Mitchison, BA (Oxon);
A. N. Waddine, BA (Kent); P. B.
Anderws, LIB (Hull); G. S. J. Kosley,
BA (Oxon); I. C. McLeod, BA (Kingston Poly); G. M. Grounds, LIB
(Soton); W. J. Thompson, MA
(Aberd) LIB (Lond); A. G. Malads,
Blahopstone; J. P. Purcell, Dublin;
O. R. Daniel, Myrwich,
MIDDLE TEMPLE

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Miss I. W. Na-Nyardu Ashong. LLB
(Lond); A. P. Goro, BA, LLB
(Cantab); J. R. Bourne, BA (Oxen);

have been expected from the make-up of the diets, in terms of pro-

Science report Dietetics: Soya may lower cholesterol Enthusiasts for soyabeau substit animal protein or were put on is careful to add that no one tutes for meat (textured vegetable protein) have been given further most of which came from soya ammunition for their propaganda campaigns by a research report from Italy of the effects of soya

Whether given before or after yet knows what effect might be expected on cholesterol from a partial substitution of mear by

soya protein.

Whether given before or after the low-fat diet, the soya diet reduced serum cholesterol concen-Consumer surveys have claimed that 25 per cent of the meat in made-up dishes can be replaced reduced serum cholesterol concen-trations by about 20 per cent; when the soya diet was stopped the cholesterol went up again. The effect was far grater than might with textured vegetable protein without causing any detectable difference in taste. If economic reasons lead to soya protein's forming a substantial proportion of our national diet in the future there may be unexpected benefits on our health.

The Italian report concerns a up of the diets, in terms of progroup of patients found to have raised cholesterol, all of whom were attending a metabolic clinic and following a low-fat, low-cholesterol diet. They were admitted to hospital, where they may go some way to excither continued on a standard low-fat diet containing mostly Commenting on the findings in a leading article, The Lancet says Source: The Lancet (February they may be a source) Source: The Lancet (February 5,

OBITUARY SIR KENNETH BRADLE)

Service to Commonwealth ide

Sir Kenneth Bradley, CMG. experience made him : Director of the Commonwealth Institute from 1953 to 1969, died on February 7 at the age

Regalia of

chief sold

By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent

admitted to being "
gasted" by the price.

for £34,000

The tribal regalia of Captain Henry

O'Hailoran, a British soldier who was formally invested as a chief of the Canadian Indian Micmac

tribe in 1841, was sold by Phillips yesterday for £34,000.

His great-great-granddaughter, His great-great-grapusaugumen, Mrs Joyce Fairley, of Surrey, who had long kept the kit in a poly-there bag on top of her wardrobe, admitted to belog "flabber-

gasted" by the price. Phillips were estimating about \$10.000.

The Micmac tribe had considered putting in a bid, but the National Museum of Man, in Ornawa. secured the prize. It had some strong competition; the underbidder was Mr James Economos, a New York dealer in ethnographical works of art.

Mr Denis Alsford curator of the

Mr Denis Alsford, curator of the museum. flew to London for the sale. "I am delighted that this costume will be going back to its

home in Canada ", he said. " Since the news got out. I have had all the Indian tribes in Canada breath-

peorace.
Philling's sale of artmosconhice

Indian

Kenneth Granville Bradley, was born in 1904, the son of Major Hugh Vechell Bradley, Gurkha Rifles, and the grandson of the Very Reverend G. G. Bradley, Dean of Westminster. He was educated at Wellington College, and at University College, Oxford, where he took his degree in 1925. He was selected for the Colonial Service and went to Northern Rhodesia as-District Officer in 1926. There he carried out normal administrative duties until 1939, when he was appointed Information Officer. In 1942 he published his Diary of a District Officer, which District Officer, which deserved and achieved wide renown as one of the best and most readable descriptions. written from the inside, of the life and work of the British colonial administrator in the of his people in less sophisticated conditions than prevail in most places now. The book was

the Indian tribes in Canada breathing down my neck."

Captain O'Halloran was honoured by the Mirmac for his work
in resettling Indians. His regalia
comprised a frock coat lavishly
embroidered with beadwork. a
hood embroidered with beadwork
scrolls, and Union lacks, leavings,
moteasins, two pouches, and helts.
In addition he was awarded a
wooden pine, the bowl carved as
an Indian head, a tomahawk with
head, a dagger with a beadwork
scabbard, and two parchments celebrating his elevation to the tribal
peoples. come under heavy fire. In 1942 Bradley was appointed Colonial and Financial Secretary of the Falkland Islands and held this post until 946, when he returned to Africa to serve for two years as Under-Secretary to the Govern-ment of the Gold Coast.

valuable not only as entertain-

ment but as a sincere exposi-

system which was beginning to

positive's sale of arthrogony works of art realized £44.337. With 1 per cent unsold. An Easter Island curred male figure 45cm high made £3.000 (estimate £2.000). In a sale of clocks and watches, which totalled £31,408, with 4 per cent model. Eastham hald £3.400. Although Bradley was an exceptionally capable administrator, it was in the public which totalled \$31,408, with 4 per cent unsold. Benham paid \$3,400 (estimate \$3,000) for a mantel time-mice by Thomas Cole. A Philling furniture sale totalled \$55,600, with relations side of government work that his special interests lay. In 1948 he was offered the opportunity of becoming the 3 per cert unoid.
Christie's had for sale 41 pieces of Venering or facon de Venise place of the distrement and sevenfirst editor of Corona, a monthly publication which the Colonial Office was sponsoring as a teenth centuries from the collec-tion formed in the placement cen-ture by loha Malcolm of Polari-loch whose collection of Old Matter drawing is among the highhouse magazine" for the Colonial Service. Bradley found this work very congenial, and the success of Corona was undoubtedly due to the energy lights of the Brigh Museum. The glass was sent for sale by the executors of his descendant. Colonel George Malcolm of Polyalloch.

The collection realized £78.655, which roughly doubled Christella. and constructive ability with which he laid the foundations during his editorship, which lasted until 1953. Along with this, he was active throughout these years in writing, lecturing and broadcasting on colonial and Commonwealth matters. which roughly doubled Christle's estimate, though 19 per cent of the total represents upsold lots. That is no reflection on the prices; the executors' calculations concern-ing death duties and capital gains and when the Directorship of the Imperial Institute became vacant in 1953, his special com-bination of qualifications and died in 1972.

> Sayed Omar el Hag Musa, who had played a prominent part in Sudan politics since the Nimeiri revolution of May,

the executors' calculations concerning death duties and capital sains resulted in a last-minute decision not to sell all the pieces.

The top price was £14,000 (estimate £2,500 to £4,200) for a 16j inch latticinio goblet and cover, the lace-like metal spirally moulded in steps; a much simpler latticinio goblet with futurel bowl, probably made in Venice, brought £10,000 (estimate £1,000 to £1,800) and a latticinio silvermounted bell made £7,500 (estimate £1,500 to £2,200).

All three pieces were bought by Rainer Zietz, a dealer from Hanover. He and Lameris, from Holland, were the main buyers.

Christie's held a mixed property glass sale, which totalled £37,454, with 5 per cent unsold. Hübner, from Würzhurg, paid £3,400 (estimate £800 to £1,200) for an early nineteenth-century amber-flash beaker decorated in enamel with a river landscape by S. Hohn. A picture sale at Sotheby's Beigrevia made £27,018, with 2 per cent unsold.



goblet that fetched £14,000 at Christie's.

After a somewhat ch history, the institute v the responsibility of the try of Education try of Education at mainly a place to which of schoolchildren were

ey, of schoolchildren were; be shown and taught so about the Commonwea; Empire. Realizing the taccessible and attractive general public, Bradle himself with charaenergy into the task of forming the institute in thing more in second control of the charaenergy into the task of the charaenergy into ideas and the spirit of the late Viscolnt Huds, became chairman of the Governors, he with the late Viscolnt Huds. of Governors, he ne

with the Commonwea colonial governments modernization of their tion courts and the su colourful and up to dat ial. He laid on specia. tions of the work of (wealth artists. He organuse of the building as where overseas stude visitors could meet ear and British people. At 1 time, the service to sch extended by stepping up ture service all over the and the supply of study visual material, and by ing the technique of a conferences of older ci

The decision, after argument, to demoli Imperial Institute buil make way for the deve of the Imperial Col Science might hav heartened the director. fact Bradley saw it as lenge and as an opport more lively and c acceptable form than co have been possible in demued Victorian demned Victorian
Though the governin
made the decisions, an shared in the work, it the primary credit imaginative planning of institute at Kensingto Street as well as for the ful maintenance of the activities of the orga during the extremely period of transition. T building was opened-Queen in 1962.

Bradley was created He married, in 1926, Guyon Rea, of Clevelan and they had two sons.

After the May, 1969

tion he was appointed of Defence. Later it year he moved to the

of National Guidance,

leter changed its no Culture and Information

journalists and the

1970 to the more popula-

SAYED OMAR

1969, died suddenly of a heart strack in Khartum on February 1. That very morning he had, in his capacity as Chairman of the Election Committee of Sudan's only political party, the Sudan Socialist Union, announced President Nimeiri's eloquent spokesman government's policies the controversial nat--re-election as leader of the party at the second general conference of the SSU. tions of foreign busin .

omer el Hag Musa was born at Kawa on the White Nile in 1924. For most of his adult life he was an army officer. life he was an army officer.
As a young man he served with
Allied armies in North Africa.
He retired from the Army in of the Islamic Unive He retired from the Army in of the Isl 1969 with the rank of brigadier, Omdurman.

MR DONALD ATTWATER

C.R.A.C. writes: Your obituary of Mr Donald Attwater makes special mention Attwater makes special mention of his Hagiography, but has no explicit reference to his liturgical interests, in which field he was perhaps most influential of all. In the early thirties he pioneered discussion in this country of liturgical reform in the Roman Catholic Church, and at a time when exclasiastiand, at a time when ecclesiastiand, at a time when ecclesiasin-cal authority and popular devo-tional semiment treated Latin as a talisman of orthodoxy, he did not hesitate boldly to argue, initially in a brilliant short tract, in the Beginning was the Word, that English ought largely to replace Latin. With learned and generous advice he encouraged those Catholics who founded the English Liturey. founded the English Liturgy Society some 20 years before the great achievement of litur-gical reform at the second Vatican Council.

Mr Derek Parker Bowles, who died suddenly on February 4 at the age of 61, was High Sheriff of Berkshire in 1966.

M. J. C. G. Carlisle, BA (Cantab);
R. N. Makage, BA (Sierra Leone);
G. G. Raymer, LLB (Weles); P. W.
Ward-Peridna, BA (Corn.); Miss J.
H. Webb, LLB (Wales); C. L. Muryan,
BA (Oxon.); V. T. Bevan, BA. LLB
(Cantab); M. T. Bevan, BA. LLB
(Lond); I. Nowban, LLB (Ball);
Miss B. BA (Lond); F. K. Pohn,
LLB (Lond); I. Nowban, LLB (Loed);
Miss D. S. Crossman, LLB (Excels);
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(Loeds); J. M. Hanna, LLB
(Bristol); R. N. Pakner (Lond); M. J.
Hodson, Whitley Bey.

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LIEUT-GEN S P. M. BALFOU

Lieutenant-General Si Maxwell Balfour, KBE, died on February 4 at of 78. Born in 1898, th C. F. Balfour, ICS, educated at Wellington and the Royal
Academy, Woolwich.
commissioned as a
Lieutenant in the Lieutenant in the Artillery in 1915 and s France and Belgium gal MC and Bar.

He served again Second World War beit tioned in dispatches, an wards, commanded ti Infantry Division from 1949. He was G Northern Command, fro to 1953 when he retired. Colonel Commandant

He married, in Catharine Marjorie, day Lieutenant-Colonel Sir

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The Duke of Gloucests National Exhibition Birmingham, 9.55. Exhibition: "Life and Li in London Today Art Gallery, City, 10-

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expects European governments to increase the price competitiveness of their own shipbuilders—implying State subsidies. A number of schemes are under preparation in various EEC countries—including the United Kingdom—but the EEC Commission is tightening up its monitoring of such schemes.

In his statement to the working party Mr Shashiki described the Japanese package as "exceptional". The proposed toughening of price controls would cover the period from the beginning of this year to the end of 1978, and would apply to all sizes of ship.

The aim is to reduce the order intake of Japanese yards whose prices in some instances have been up to 40 per cent expects European governments

whose prices in some instances have been up to 40 per cent below those offered by European, competitors.

He noted that this move could lead to orders being diverted to countries outside the OECD area, and added: "Further efforts will be required on the part of West European countries to lower their offered ship prices."

He added that if, on the basis of an exchange of information on new orders, some countries

on new orders, some countries were found to be facing an "exceptionally difficult situation of Japan would encourage industry-to-industry talks and restrain exports to countries

Japan—whose emissary to the Paris talks has been involved in a series of preliminary talks in Europe in the past few days feels that the situation will be "substantially improved" if the massures are adopted if the measures are adopted.

The Japanese representative,

The Japanese representative, by were powerhowever, dismissed a European plan for a 50-50 sharing of new ship orders as impracticable and prejudicial to free trade. Officials here noted that the Japanese still expect to produce 6.5 million tons of gross of new ships in 1980—that the expected world total lapan's offer to to a serious imbalance in the Japan's offer to to a serious imbalance in the ports to certain world market. European owing bilateral governments want a firm come Community is mitment for production to be goriations should based on compensated tonnage unity-wide basis. which reflects the work conear that Japan tent in a ship.

Bill would raise NCB borrowing to £2,600m

By Roger Vielvoye
Energy Correspondent
Legislation to raise the
National Coal Board's borrow-

Manufacturing industry is slowly recovering confidence after the bout of pessimism engendered last year by the sterling crisis and doubts about the Covernment of the control of the covernment.

the Government's intentions towards industry. But there is

towards industry. But there is some concern about whether the recovery will go on.

This is the picture that emerges from the latest quarterly industrial trends survey of the Confederation of British Industry, published yesterday.

Among the encouraging signs is a clear indication that investment intentions are

investment intentions are buoyant, but the survey under-lines that there will be no

sharp rise in manufacturing employment in the near

Introducing the survey in London yesterday Mr J. Camp-bell Fraser, chairman of the

CBI's economic situation com-mittee, described the recovery as "fragile" but investment was "on the up and up".

was "on the up and up".

Mr John Methven, director general of the CBI, said that the policy implications of the survey seemed to be identical with those spelt out sarlier this year by the confederation in its policy manifesto: the need to cut inflation to an annual 5 per cent by the middle of next year; and the necessity of giving everyone a

lot more incentive.
Publication of the survey

coincided with publication of the CBFs economic forecasts

for the next 18 months. These indicate a very rapid turn-around in the balance of pay-ments and a significant dece-leration in the inflation rate the figure to £2,200m and later to £2,600m, subject to parliamentary approval.

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modest pace, by about 1.5 per cent through 1977, says the CBI, with a gradual accelera-tion in 1978.

The industrial trends survey.

the CBI's sixty-third, was carried out between January 10 and 26, just preceding official publication of the Bullock report, though the widespread leaks on the report may have

had some effect. It covers 1,848 companies, employing about three million people and accounting for about half the

Confidence in manufacturing

industry is beginning to recover again after last year's sharp setback, the survey shows. Some 22 per cent of

respondents now say they are more optimistic about the gen-eral business situation than

four months ago while 16 per cent say they are less optimistic. This leaves a positive balance of 6 per cent (the balance being the difference between those control of the control of the

ference between these saying "more" or "up" and those replying "less" or "down") which is slightly above the average for the series as a

The slow recovery is re-

flected in capacity utilization. The proportion of companies

and 72 per cent last July. But

the improvement is largely confined to the intermediate

confined to the intermediate and consumer goods sectors. The proportion of capital goods producers working below capacity, at 76 per cent, has been unchanged for three suc-cessive surveys.

manufactured exports.

National Coal Board's borrowing powers from £1,100m through two stages to £2,600m will be introduced in Parliament today.

Ability to borrow much larger sums of money is vital to an industry where the cost of its ambitious long-term development plans has soared from £1,400m to £3,150m in three years.

Initially the Coal Industry Bill will aim to increase borrowing powers to £1,800m but there are provisions to raise the report suggests the intention of the rapidly escalating cost of development plans for coal up to velopment plans for coal up to 1985 is contained in another between the mid-1980s and the report published yesterday by the coal industry's tripartite group, consisting of Government, the mining unions and of the century, the bulk of the coal industry's tripartite group, consisting of Government, the mining unions and on this scale is likely to cost £400m a year.

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shows that a "balance" of 42 per cent of participants had experienced an increase in the

value of sotal new orders over

the past four months, the

highest such figure for three

years.

But looking to the next four months a "balance" of only 32 per cent foresees an improve-

This is lower than in the

This is lower than in the October survey and significantly down on the April and July 1976 surveys. The CBI says that the "balances" reporting and forecasting increases in the value of domestic orders are substantially lower than the comparable figures for total new orders.

figures for total new orders.
Only 7 per cent of respondents report a fall in the value of output over the last four months, while 70 per cent registered an increase. The "halance" of 53 per cent is the highest yet though the CBI stresses that this apparent buoyancy must owe a considerable amount to inflation.

One indicator in the survey

which will cheer the Govern-ment is that investment inten-

tions are still improving.
According to the CBI a
"balance" of 4 per cent of
participants expect capital

able amount to inflation.

over seven tons per man shift, making it competitive with the likely future, price of heavy fuel oil.
The report makes a brief

mention of the continuing talks between the Government and the NCB on the problem of interest charges during the development phase when new projects are not yeilding additional revenue.

Last year interest on loans almost wiped out the NCB's operating surplus of £46m. In the current year borrowing will exceed £300m and interest charges are expected to rise

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revenue.
The NCB has been pressing for interest-free loans or loans on which interest was not pay-able until a project was yielding revenue.

ing revenue.

In a foreword to the report, Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy said recent results in the coal industry had been

disappointing.

* "Coal for the Future—Progress with Plan for Coal and Prospects to the Year 2000."

Free from the Department of Energy, Millbank, London. Leading article, page 15

CBI survey finds more optimism in Banks back within industry but little hope for jobless | growth 'corset'

By John Whitmore

Mouthly banking figures show that the banking system as a whole is now comfortably back within the limits on de-posit growth—the "corset"— imposed on it by the Govern-ment last November. The figures, which cover the six weeks to January 19, also point to a further contraction in the

money supply.

The move back inside the "corset" results from a fall in the banks interest-bearing eligible liabilities during the month, which has cut the growth in these interest-bearing resources to 2 per cent from last summer's base date. The Government's requirement is that the banks' interest-bear ing resources grow by no more than 3 per cent over a period

that runs from late last summer to early this spring.

When the scheme was introduced in November, the banking system was well out of the "corset", with growth of 6.2 per cent over the base level. By early December this had been pulled back to 3.7 per

But though the position looks far more comfortable for the banking system as a whole, the major clearing banks are still significantly beyond their limits. Their growth in interest-bearing resources since last summer has fallen only participants expect capital expenditure authorizations on buildings to be higher in the next 12 months than in the previous year, while for plant and machinery the comparable figure is 29 per cent.

The CBI calculates that the volume of manufacturing investment this year will be 10 to 15 per cent higher than last year. Investment in the year to June 1978 could be around 20 per cant higher than in the previous 12 months, it adds. marginally from last month's 61 per cent—though that was a considerable improvement on the near 10 per cent growth they had been showing in

November.

The fall in deposits has come about largely through the diversion of money into the gill-adged marker. Table, page 18 | Since, moreover, this coinBANK FIGURES

The following are the figures for eligible liabilities and reserve assets ratios of United Kingdom banks released by the Bank of England today:

At mid- month	Eligible Ilabilitles Em	Rise over 3 months at annual rate %	Reserve assets ratio
1976			
Jan	30,048	0.2	15.5
Feb	33,206	0.2	15.4
March	33,108	9.0	15.8
April	33,909	10.6	15.6
May	33,740	6.6	15.2
June	34,029	11.6	15.2
July	34,989	13.3	14.2
Aug	35,183	18.2	15.1
Sept	35.794	22.4	15.4
Oct	35,623	19.9	14;4
Nov	37,259	25.6	13.9
Dec	36,876	12.8	13.8
1977			
Jen	36,144	-5.1	14.4

cided with a period when the banks were having to increase their lending significantly to finance (in the main) seasonal interest and tax payments, the latest figures confirm that there was a substantial squeeze on bank liquidity during early

This was relieved by the release of some £730m of special deposits by the Bank of England on January 17, two days before the latest "make-

The effect of this release has been to bump up the banks' reserve asset ratio—the main guide to their liquidity—to 14.4 per cent. But it also makes clear that the banks must have been right down to the minimum statutory reserve asset ratio of 12; per cent. Financial Editor, page 19

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States stock-This involves a icluding some ion costs, of £37.5m). The close on Febs offer of \$35 mate with its pplied Digital Racal secured 15 per cent of ay, claimed it

This is the third time Racal has raised its offer from the \$26 a share since it launched its bid just over two weeks ago. The fact that it is now bidding so much more is a measure of the importance Racal places on gaining a foothold in the American data communications market. There was no immediate

reaction from Applied Digital's side yesterday on whether it would match Racal's new offer. There is considerable doubt on the other side of the Atlantic about how far Applied Digital can go on raising its cash and paper offer without depressing its own share price. since at current levels Applied capital while since at current levels Applied whose offer Digital's offer is getting dengerously close to a reverse takeover. Racal eased 2p to per cept of 273p in the stock market

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governors at the BIS.

It was announced last mouth that the standby will be avail-able for a two-year period to enable the Bank of England to

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UK standby Bank governor for Saudi and Kuwait talks

Economics Correspondent

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beginning in the second half of this year. But growth is has been strong but there is expected to be sluggish. The now some concern for the imvolume of output will rise at a mediate future. The survey

Mr Gordon Richardson, Governor of the Bank of England is to visit Saudi Arabia and Kuwait later this month to explain details of the sterling balance support scheme and the proposed issue of foreign currency bonds.

The visit, from February 18 to February 25, will allow him to discuss the final form the

bonds will take with the two countries. They are the biggest holders of sterling as a reserve currency and might be expected to be the biggest

previous 12 months, it adds.

to have been given an outline of the Government's plans on the form the bonds will take. It is thought that about 75 per cent will be denominated in dollars, with the rest issued in other hard currencies such as year and marks. yen and marks.

On his visit, Mr Richardson will be accompanied by Mr Christopher McMahon, exec-utive director concerned with overseas matters, who was clo-

buyers of the government sely involved in the detailed bonds, which are designed to "fund" or buy out official holders of sterling.

Central bank governors in Basic on Monday are believed to have been siven as outlied building in Youdan. withdrawal of overseas sterling holdings in London.

The final form of the pro-posed bonds is likely to be fixed shortly after the two

men return to London. It, is expected that the bonds will be issued by the Government in its own name. They will be negotiable, but it is not expected that the Government will seek to create a market. The Government is commit-ted to running down sterling's oil exporters.

role as a reserve currency, either by persuading official holders to buy the new bonds or through allowing them to move their money out of London don and to replenish Britain's reserves by drawing on the Basle standby.

Official holdings of sterling, which are the only ones covered by the scheme, stood at £2,756m at the end of September, of which £1,541m was accounted for by oil-exporting countries. At their peak in late 1974 they totalled £5,088m, of which £3,183m were held by

What's in a name?

SE Council puts case for switch to Talisman

By Richard Allen A campaign to convince member firms of the benefits of switching over to a fully computerized settlement system under the proposed Talisman scheme is to be launched by the Stock Exchange Council. Having already laid out over £8m of the expected £13.2m development costs, the Council yesterday voted "decisively" to press ahead on Talisman with a view to starting up in 1979.

After spirited debate, particularly, about the proposed collections. larly about the proposed split of charges between jobbers and brokers, the Council approved in full a 41-page report on the new system prepared by the Exchange's Settlement Services

Copies of this report, outlin-ing costs, possible savings, the implementation strategy and, more important, the likely tariff charges, will be sent to all member firms within the next two days. Mr Nicholas Goodison, the Stock Exchange chairman, has also written to all senior partners explaining how and why the Council arrived at its decision.

The crucial referendum of all members required to enable the Exchange to press ahead with its plans takes place in March and in the meactime a major propaganda exercise is under way. As well as copies of the report, member firms will be treated to "do-tr-yourself" Talisman kits, enabling them to work out the effects of the scheme on their own operations, while a series of explanatory seminars is being arranged.

As widely expected, proposed charges are biased heavily in favour of small transactions, re-flecting the SE's anxiety over the decline of the private inves-

tor in recent years.

Although Talisman is designed to cope with a high degree of volatility the indicated tariff structure is based on an average level of 15,000 bargains a day. On this basis the charge under present day conditions would be 67p per bargain with an additional 2.6p per every £100 over that figure to a ceiling of £50,000, where the total charge would be £13.54 Working on a complicated

formula to determine the likely savings to each function of the new system, the Council has agreed that brokers and jobbers should fund Talisman's 57m a year costs on a 70:30 ratio.

Brokers would pay a fixed charge of 48p per bargain with an extra 1.85p per £100 above

the first £500, while the corr ponding figures for jobbers would be 19p and 0.74p. To scrap Talisman now and

simply continue with the present range of checking, accounting and reporting services known as Charm would result in termination costs of £3m—only £2m less further developing Talisman.

Meanwhile in answer to recent critics of the Stock Exchange's expenditure levels Mr Goodison says that the Property and Finance Committee is currently working with the chief executive to secure reductions. He expects total savings of £500,000 in each of the next two

years, whether or not Talisman goes shead.

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credit comes into force

From Peter Norman Bonn, Feb 8

The \$3,000m standby credit granted to the Bank of England by the Bank for International Settlements came into opera

tion today.

A BIS communique released in Basle, confirmed that 11 western central banks are now backing the facility, which was finally agreed at yesterday's meeting of central bank

The Austrian, Danish and Norwegian central banks decided yesterday to participate in the standby thus joining the central banks of Belgium, Canada, West Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States in setting up the "safety net" for the pound. net" for the pound.

counter the effects of the with-drawal of official foreign ster-ling holdings from London. Without going into details European central bank sources confirmed today that the level of British reserves had become an additional criterion govern-ing the access of the Bank of England to draw on standby.
The bank will not be able to

Villiers, British Steel Corporation chairman, is to take personal control of BSC (Industry), the subsidiary formed two years ago to soften the blow of indusclosures and redundancies. offset net declines in the official sterling balances from the standby, if the reserves have risen above a certain level, they

Steel jobs drive: Sir Charles industry to areas where steel making is declining. The com-pany is to make personal contact with 1,500 British com-panies considered to be poten-tial customers for the fully serviced industrial sites being try closures and redundancies. offered, complete with skilled Sir Charles's appointment as labour force. Sir Charles is chairman of the BSC's smallest seen above (left) with Mr Ron subsidiary coincides with a campaign to attract job-creating of the subsidiary next month. offered, complete with skilled

Mr Carter moving swiftly on national energy plan

the anticipated deterioration in economic outlook produced by the cold weather. At his first press conference since taking office he said his programme was "well balanced, well considered fair I think to be sidered fair I think to be

Mr Carter currently faces mounting pressure in the Congress to expand his reflationary programme. He said today that, while he reserved his right to use his legislative veto power, he was working closely with the

two months at over an average 10 million barrels a day. This situation could not continue, because "we don't have adequate reserve supplies of oil have another embargo or some very serious problems in the future."

fices on the part of the American people. I am going to try to make sure that oil and natural gas companies and others that produce do not derive unwarranted profits when we cut back consumption and encourage (domestic) pro-duction", he added. Mr Carter said he did not believe in nationalization of the

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From Frank Vogl Washington, Feb 8 President Carter is determined to move swiftly forward 1.75 10.10 6.50 8.44 4.08 67.00 7.90 1530.00 490.09 4.26 9.00 54.50 2.03 113.25

with a national energy policy. He said today that America was importing too much oil and "this has got to stop". The President does not intend to change his new economic stimulus programme because of the anticipated deterioration in

was "well balanced, well con-sidered . . . fair I think to the

He was at his bluntest when discussing energy issues. He noted that Aemrica had been importing more than 50 per cent of its oil needs in the past

He promised that he would not fail to fulfil his campaign commitment of producing a "fair and comprehensive" national energy policy. This would require substantial sacri-

oil and gas industry. He believed the best means of ensuring the energy develop-ment of publicly-owned lands was by means of selling leases through competitive bids.

By David Blake

Profitability of British industry, which has declined in recent years, ought to be increased, according to the

In the Jatest edition of its monthly Economic Progess Report, the Treasury gives pride of place to a study which shows clearly that the Government accepts many, if not most, of the arguments advanced by industry in recent years which suggest that low rates of return are a major factor in explaining turers and Traders. Of 114,096 Sritain's poor investment performance.

It stresses that restoring 1976. profitability is at the heart of the industrial strategy.

Using statistics for industrial and commercial companies in 1975, the study is also relatively sympathetic to the arguments suggesting that dividend payments are necessary for comtheir share price is high enough for them to raise capital in the

Pension funds need a stream of income, it points out, and argues that a high proportion of individual shareholders who owned an estimated 42 per cent of all shares in 1973 were widows or pensioners or both.

Against this background, and the role of the 60.5 per cent of all profits retained in financing investment, the report under lines the decline in profitability in recent years. After deducting stock appreciation, the rate of return fell from 13 per cent in 1960 to 4 per cent in 1975, the study says quoting statistics first published in October.

The Government had acted to reverse this trend, partly by recognizing the need of a stable tax environment and partly by carrying out three reviews of public spending in 1975.

risk in interest rates rise From Frank Vogl Washington, Feb 8 decline during the past two Dr Arthur Burns, chairman of

Dr Burns sees inflation

the federal reserve board, today hinted that with further rises in pects. interest rates in prospect, inflarion problems must be watched carefully.

problems are growing and are likely significantly to worsen over the next day or two. More than 9,000 workers were idle yesterday because of disputes,

As a direct result of the new

gressman Henry Reuss, Dr Burns said that as private credit demands strengthen in line with the expected improvement in the economy, financing of the large government budget deficit at current interest rates would

become more difficult.

Any improvement in the inflation outlook would have a some upward adjustment in moderacing effect on interest other short-term rates.

Some upward rate pressures, he pointed out, but it should not be forgotten that "the reduction in the rate of inflate the most recent set of general economic contents. of inflation has been a significant factor in the interest rates ment in the economy

years".
The Fed is known to be concerned about inflation pros-pects. This anxiety led Dr Burns last week to criticize President Carter's new reflationary programme, noting that the Banking Committee, of the House of Representatives, Congressman Henry Page 1

In his letter Dr Burns said there were three main reasons for the rise in domestic interest rates in recent weeks. The market had expected a decline in the rate for federal funds and

Throughout British Leyland's cial backing of their union, the Longbridge Midlands production centres Transport and General where work restarted yester- study exercises day after being halted by a separate dispute and the Rover

plant at Solihull. Lay-offs at both centres off.
could start today and by the The Dolomite, the Spitfire, weekend several thousand workers could be affected.

yesterday because of disputes, and management spokesmen gave warnings that there could be a progressive lay-off of many thousands more, starting all Jaguar car production at Coventry where 1,300 assembly Meanwhile, the big Triumph assembly plant at Coventry is Coventry where 1,300 assembly also at a standstill with 3,300 workers have been sent home men laid off because of a sepadispute over a redundancy indefinitely.

Tate internal dispute involving two-week issue at the main body-making Two other big plants are 350 paint shop workers who drivers emcentre at Castle Bromwich— immediately vulnerable. They have now been out for more Deliveries.

(Birmingham) industrial engineers on workworkers at the plant at Speke,

Liverpool have also been laid the Stag and the Triumph 2000 are all out of production at

Coventry.

An additional problem is that there is a big stockpile of completed cars because of a two-week stoppage by delivery drivers employed by James Car

Imported cars take 43.5 pc of British market in January

Disputes make more idle at Leyland

More than four out of every in Europe by multinational com- which took nearly 26 per cent, 10 new cars sold in Britain last month were foreign, according to figures issued yesterday by the Society of Motor Manufacfull effect.

crease is made up of cars built the market), followed by Ford.

where 32 strikers have the offi-

Workers—another 1,300 men have stopped work and 1,800

There is no production of car bodies. Castle Bromwich

more have been laid off.

panies like Ford, Chrysler and including imported models.

Vauxhall, as their declared litaly's Fiat, topped the list policies of increasing integraof importers, with sales more

tion of European plants take than double last January's figure. The company's position sales, 49,577 (43.5 per cent)

On a more optimistic note for were imported, nearly 11 per British manufacturers, was the cent more than in January, fact that leading seller for the month was Leyland, with Fiat prices much more competitive.

However, much of the in- 32,572 sales (28.5 per cent of tive.

Volkswagen and BMW from West Germany appeared to be feeling the draught caused by the strong Deutschemark.

Vauxhall sales in January totalled 10,634, including 3,116
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Wilson panel to seek City data

The Wilson Committee inquir-ing into the workings of the City is to ask financial bodies to provide details of their functions and operations within the next two months.
At its second meeting yes-

terday the committee decided to write to all "providers and users of finance" as well as Government Departments and the Bank of England, asking for their view of current arrangements for providing fin-ance for United Kingdom investment, and to describe the part they play in the financial

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Union leaders meet Mr Varley

By Desmond Ouigley Union leaders have expressed strong opposition to the Government to proposals by the Central Policy Review Staff that the power plant manufac-

turing industry should be

rationalized through a series of A delegation from the Con-federation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions told Mr

peting manufacturers rather than wholesale mersers, as the think tank" suggests. The full executive of the

CSEU will discuss the parlous state of the industry further at a meeting in York tomorrow, as well as considering further representations to Mr Varley. The four main companies in

the industry are Babcock & Wilcox; Clarke Chapman, of

Parsons and GEC, and the boilermaking activities of Bab-cock & Wilcox and Clarke Chapman, was essential and it was urgent to form units large enough to sustain independent competitive technologies in

world markets.

While conceding what members described as "a frightening amount of spare capacity" in the industry, the committee suggested to Mr Varley that there should be an integration Engineering Unions told Mr Gateshead; GEC, and C. A. there should be an int Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, at a meeting last think tank report on the essence this could com Friday that it favoured swopping technology between comof the industry's technology. In essence this could come to companies tendering for

Energy groups face US curbs

Washington, Feb 8.—An extremely broad Bill was proposed in Congress today to break up all the major American energy companies. It was sponsored by 31 Congressmen and is likely to enjoy substantial support,

Under the Bill the leading oil groups would have to concentrate their activities in only one of their four main business sectors: marketing, transportation, refining or production. They would be required to operate in only one of the three major energy areas: oil and gas, coal, or uranium.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Education and the needs of industry

From Mr J. A. Neale and Mr W. R. Farrow-Smith Sir, Last Thursday's (February Training Centre these same 3) debate on BBC 2 "The quesyoung apprentices achieved a tion of education" sought to high degree of success in the discover whether the educational standards of school leavers had fallen. We may

never know the answer in absolute terms; the sad truth remains that many employers do believe that standards of numeracy and literacy have fallen and are deeply disturbed by what they feel to be a rather poor return for such a large

investment in education.

Perhaps the real point was missed. What we should be asking is why the current educational system is still sending too many young people into life without attainment in the basic skills of literacy and numeracy and why it has failed to draw out their true potential.

To illustrate from our ex-perience, of our 2,000 applicants or engineering apprenticeships in 1975, 400 were tested. Their average mathematical age was 111 years, against chronological ages of 16 and 17. The successful applicants were employed from those who had a mathematical age of 13 years and

Before parents become ton alarmed about this, we should

point out that after one year between what the youn; in our Engineering Apprentice brought with them from examinations at technical college. Of the 126 who sat the examination of the City & Guilds of London Institute, 19 passed with distinction, 89 passed with credits, 14 obtained a standard pass and four were unsuccessful. Moreover, all but six had proved capable of

achieving satisfactory national standards in their practical work, which involves considerdebate did nothing to dispel this able use of calculations and accurate measurements various kinds, coupled with the ability to communicate about a wide range of workshop processes.

It has to be said that, in order to achieve these results, the employer and the colleges of further education had to make heavy investments. Fulltime instruction by well qualified instructors in our Engineering Training Centre was supplemented by a programme of block release, for periods totalling up to 18 weeks at the colleges, reinforced with remediaf maths tuition for some at the training centre.

Natural development alone does not explain the difference

ments at the end of year of training with t part of this differenrepresent a failure of th system to develop the talent.

During the debate, o sibilities were suggeste the quality of young offering themselves fo eering apprenticeship trary to what was si our records show the continue to come from with a skilled backgr engineering, and the p our apprentices sho interest in their educe . training.

We extend an open i to any of those presen debate to visit our facilities and help us our findings and narrow between education and ment, which must be Yours faithfully,

J. A. NEALE, Manpower Supply and ment Officer, W. R. FARROW-SMI Engineering Apprenti 55 Broadway

London SWIH OBD. February 8.

American achievements in Saudi Arabia

From Mr Joseph O. Eblan Sir, Our admiration for your splendid newspaper leads me to comment on, and clarify, points made in the article entitled Americans Losing Saudi Busi-

ness" (January 6).

First, the United States seeks
no "supremacy" here. Our
presence is and must remain based on Saudi Arabian views as to how we can be useful and cooperative within the frame-work of Saudi needs. In that context, history speaks for itself and so, of course, will the future.

You will be surprised to know that 1976 has been an impres-sive year for United States busiwith and in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Accurate figures indicate that between 1974 and the end of 1976 our exports to the kingdom have prospered and in fact have tripled.

In terms of United States participation in the great Saudi Arabian development plan, a number of major projects have been awarded by the Saudi Arabian Government to United States firms. These include: industrial complex develop-ment; regional master plan development; municipal sanitary

R. S. MORGAN. Charley Commission. 12 January, 1977.

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projects; petroleum projects; international airport develop-ment; and air traffic control systems-to name but a few. All of these involve large and experienced companies in whom, we are pleased to say, the Government of Saudi Arabia has displayed confidence. We are well aware of, as well as pleased about, the fact that non-Americans are also cooperating with the Saudi authorities.

Finally, it is natural that as our effort under Saudi control and guidance has increased the number of Americans in Saudi Arabia has grown steadily. In short, our interest and partici-pation in the economic development and prosperity of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia remains unabated.

Our best products, services, and technology remain at the disposal of our Saudi hosts who are the best and only judges of our performance in their our performance country Sincerely

JOSEPH O. EBLAN, Principal Commercial Officer, Embassy of the United States of America, Jedda Saudi Arabia January 25.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

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Mr Robert Hunt, chairman of Dowty: substantial work expected from the Tornedo pro-

with thoughts of a possible bid —Hawker Siddeley is one rumoured candidate when it finally gets aircraft nationalizarion compensation—and the shares may be very cheap.

Meanwhile, Dowty is making the best of current trading con-ditions (which are not too buovant). But prospects look more en-

couraging Aviation equipment, which last year contributed around 50 per cent of pre-tax profits, will get substantial work from the large MRCA Tornado programme, which should get under way within a year and is scheduled to produce more than 800 aircraft. It will be the biggest programme since the Hunter in the 1950's. The mining equipment division. Dowty's other major profit earner, continues to expand. although now without the bene-fit of the Chinese contract, which was, in any case, a mixed blessing given its fixed price nature. Here, too, the future looks promising with considerable mining activity under way in South Africa, Australia and America. Moreover,

United States, where the group has an espablished presence. The hydraulic seals and industrial hydraulics division re-covered in the first half from the depressed conditions of a year ago, helping to lift the group trading profit from £6.45m to £8.7m, a rise of 35

major growth is expected in the

per cent compared with a sales increase of 14 per cent at In the traditionally stronger second half profits could be £18m so the shares, up 5p to 115p yesterday, could be on a prospective p/e ratio of 7½.

Capitalization, £65m Sales, £67.3m (£59.1m) Pre-tax profits, £8,575m (£6.152m) Dividend gross, 3.05p (2.77p)

Interim: (1976/77) (1975/76)

Speculating on the future Takeover speculation has pro-vided more support for Decca's

share price recently than its stolid trading performance. The perennial crop of bid and or perennial crop of bid and reorganization rumours, sparked by the question of management succession and linking Decca's name variously with that of Thorn, EMI and even Racal, seems groundless at the moment.

But such speculation does contain a persuasive grain of commercial logic, centred on the notion that Decca's capital

interests might be split into businesses individually attrac tive to its competitors. And it gains force in view of the gains force in view of the climate of opinion against two-tier voting structures and the possibility of a reconstruction, enfranchising Decca's "A" shares and thus reducing the board's ability to block unwel-come approaches. come approaches.

The underlying commercial logic of the rumours can, how-ever, be seen as one of Decca's ever, be seen as one of beccurs strengths, for its spread of capital and consumer products has helped reduce the impact on profits of the recession.

Capital goods are making the running at the moment, accounting for 58 per cent of the £85.3m turnover in the first half of the group's 1976-77 fin-ancial year. Decca has an order book for its large marine radar equipment taking it well into next year, but once fitting out work on ships laid down in the early 1970s is completed there could be an order gap before any eventual revival in ship-building is translated into demand for redar equipment.

Profits from consumer good: are down in the first half with lower TV and record sales. The vagaries of the record and rape market defy explanation, al-though it looks unlikely that Decca will repeat the sharp improvement in sales and profits seen in the second half of

Neither will there be a repe tition of 1976's Australian colour TV sales boom, although Decca has a strong steady market there and is looking for a slight recovery in domestic TV sales this year.

Withour factory closure costs but facing attributable excep tional charges of "some hun-dred thousands" after the move of its 50 per cent owned United States radar sales company from New York to Florida, the group believes that full year profits may be lower than 1976's £13.5m, a forecast which sent the "A" and ordinary shares 5p lower yesterday to 250p and 260p respectively. A 5.9 per cent prospective yield on the "A" shares on a prospective p/e ratio of just under 9 looks vulnerable on all but, what must be long-term, takeover specula-

Interim 1976-77 (1975-76) Capitalization £47.7m Turnover £85.3m (£78.3m) Pre-tax profits £5.5m (£5.4m) Dividend gross 4.62p (4.15p)

Clearing banks

Back to the 'corset' The convolutions of monetary

re-cycling over recent weeks do not make the latest banking figures particularly easy to interpret, but the general message in much a general message in more and messag age is much as expected. The authorities' success — some would say overkili—with gilt sales is depressing the money supply and gradually easing the banking system back within the "corset".

The strains all this caused during January when the banks were also having to meet substantial demand for funds to cover seasonal interest and tax payments has already been widely chronicled. All the latest figures do is serve to confirm that shead of the 2 par cent special deposits release the banks, especially the clearers, were hard up against their minimum statumory reserve asset ratios.

With the tax season over, the assumption is that the clearers who have so far been lagging behind the rest of the sector, can now start in earnest on the task of following the rest of the sector back into the constraints of the "corset"—the average figure for February, March and April being the one that

Will the Meriden deal finally triumph?

Meriden motor cycle coopera-tive has been relieved by the £1.5m state-cum-private enterprise rescue package reported yesterday. But what are the long-term prospects for this remnant of the once all-conquering British motor cycle industry?

Whatever its shortcomings—

and they are many—the Meriden experiment in worker control has a number of points in its favour which deserve patient and understanding treatment. The loyalty of the workforce has been tested dur-ing the cooperative's two-year life. With the single exception of an "imported" finance director, all 700 employees, including the board of directors, have been paid the same low

Originally £50 a week, this has risen in step with the social contract to the present £56. That is still some £14 to social contract to the present of 2,000 motor cycles and is been achieved with professional managers, foremen and the present of 2,000 motor cycles and is been achieved with professional managers, foremen and the present of 2,000 motor cycles and is been achieved with professional managers, foremen and baimler-Puch of Austria, control of the first casualty must be the obvious danger in introstill finds support, but its there have been many opport the £56 wage for all. The ducing highly paid new blood appeal is limited and a replace.

tunities over the past two years for Meriden men to move to better paid jobs dis-pite the present unemployment problems.

The workers have also demonstrated their willingness to become all rounders, ignoring traditional demarcation lines to relieve production bottlenecks whenever they have arisen. They are proud of the resulting benefits, quoting productivity increases per man of nearly 60 per cent, compared with their performance under Norton Villiers problems. under Norton Villiers Triumph, the former owners of

the factory.
What of the future? Much will depend on the cooperation the workforce is prepared to give the new production experts seconded to Meriden from Sir Arnold Weinstock's GEC, which is putting up £1m to buy the cooperative's stock

from the "all brothers together" enthusiasm of early days. Today the common wage stilles progress at every turn. The need now is to recruit professionals for every rung of a recognizable management ladder. To attract men of the right callibre the cooperative

right callibre the cooperative must not only pay the going rate, but also demonstrate the workers' willingness to take orders, however unpleasant.

This fundamental weakness was clearly identified as long are also to summer when these ago as last summer when three managers from Guest, Keen & Nettlefolds were seconded to Meriden for three months. Working within the confines of the existing chain of command they converted losses of about £80,000 a month to a profit of between £2,000 and £3,000. But a member of the team said that much more could have

of nearly £5m which got the cooperative off the ground. Government approval will still have to be obtained for a new wage structure, but no one expects this to be withheld if GEC and the cooperative can

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agree a suitable new formula. The introduction of an effective production organization will only give Meriden the tools for the job. It still has to ensure that they are profitably

employed.

It is understood that at present less than half the available factory capacity is being used to produce the old Triumph Bonneville 750cc motor cycle and to assemble motor cycle and to assemble 125cc models for the Italian Moto-Guzzi concern and keep-

The Bonneville can be greatly improved and updated to enable it to held its present appeal. The snag is that it would necessarily be a short-term palliative. Much as Meriden workers may dislike the prospect they seem to face the prospect they seem to face a future as producers of other people's motor cycles, with their remaining capacity earn-ing its keep on "jobbing con-tracts" wherever they can be

There remains another alter-Infere remains another alter-native and it was spelt out yes-terday by one of the coope-a-tive's supporters. "Sir Arnold Weinstock is nobody's fool and he didn't come in from the goodness of his heart. He must believe we can make a go of it. "If we can show him how to make money why shouldn't he help to finance the develop-ment of a new Triumph?" Why, indeed !

Clifford Webb

Seeking a flexible legal framework for industrial democracy

Directors

The merit of the Bullock report is that it has identified the issues involved in the prob-lem of employee participation and clarified them. Its weak-ness is that it has failed to produce a practical solution or at least to indicate the way to achieve an acceptable compromise between industry and labour.

The majority report suffers from a fundamental defect : in spite of repeated assertions that it is necessary to preserve the traditional flexibility of the corporate framework of private enterprise, its suggestions are dogmaric and peremptory. It fails to take account of the great variety of factual situations in which employee representation on the board level will have to operate in practice. Acceptance of the principle

of employee perticipation is necessary and desirable. Repre-sentation of the employees on the decision making bodies of the company can make an important contribution to industrial peace and the revitaliza-tion of British industry. The Government is commit-

ted to the introduction of employee participation which suils under the ambiguous flag of industrial democracy. The task which now confronts the Government is to frame a Bill which safeguards the interests of the shareholders and the management and, at the same nime, gives effect to the legit-imate aspirations of labour and the trade unions. In the light of the Bullock report, what will be the basic

features of that Bill? L It is noteworthy that, single dissenting exception, all members of the Bullock committee, those of the majority and minority, agreed on the principle of parity of represen-tation of shareholders and employees on the board. They did, in fact, more.

They accepted the famous 2x+y formula, according to which there shall be an equal number of representatives of shareholders and employees on shareholders and employees on the board (2x) and there shall be an additional third group of board members, coopted by the first two groups (y). The point on which the majority and minority differed was the diffi-cult "question of proportions" (page 92), that is the quantifi-cation of the elements x and y in the formula. The majority adopted a rigid scheme containing only a small y element, which would produce the result shown in the table.

Shareholdera 10,000-24,999 25,000 or more Parliament for the European trialists of the minority opted. company. The majority model is one

of confrontation of share-holders and employees directors, with the coopted directors almost in the position of arbitrators. The minority model aims at cooperation between investors, employees and those representing the general in-

Number of employees

The effect of adopting the majority model would be that the board of directors would come a formal body, just as the general meeting, and the real business would be trans-acted below board level by senior management. The seven reserved subjects which would require the approval of the board (pp 77 and 78) are so elementary that they would not give the board real influ-ence on the conduct of business

The minority model, on the other hand, would leave the conduct of business in the hands of the managing board and enable the supervisory board to concentrate on business ness strategy, in cooperation with the managing board, in the best interest of the company. However, it is not intended here to discuss the pros and cons of these two models The question is whether the

majority and minority share non ground to enable the legislator to pro-ceed with legislation. That question has to be answered in the affirmative.
The future Bill should

simply state that the board of directors or, if the company has a supervisory board, the latter shall consist of an equal number of directors elected by the shareholders and appointed by the employees and a third group of directors coopted by the former two groups. But the Bill should refrain

But the Bill should refrain from attempting to quantify these three elements. Here considerations of flexibility should prevail. Some companies may prefer the minority model, others the majority model in a modified form, and others again may devise their own scheme within the statutors framework. tory framework.

That the minority report like-

wise adopts the principle of parity did not escape the attenresult shown in the table.

The minority which consisted of three highly experienced industrialists, Mr N. P. Biggs, Sir Jack Callard and Mr Barrie Heath, adopted a more elastic formula, namely one-third of the board to be chird of the board to be chird of the board to be chird to be appointed by the shareholders, one-third to be appointed by the employees and the third third coopted by both groups. That is the formula which was suggested by the European wise adopts the principle of parity did not escape the attention of the Secretary of State for Trade, Mr. Edmund Dell, who said in the Commons debate: "In a sense a proposal for a form of parity is to be found in the minority report."

2. The dogmatic approach of the majority report finds expression in its adoption of the unitary board system to the exclusion of the two-tier system for which the indus-

The main argument of the majority is that the adoption majority is that the adoption of the two-tier system would lead to "two separate structures for companies" (p 72).

This argument is palpably unsound. The introduction of employee participation of the board of companies having more than 2,000 amployees will lead in any event to the adoption of two separate forms

adoption of two separate forms of organization for companies, whatever board structure is

It is quite common in Europe and also in harmony with the reality of the situa-tion to provide a special reg-ulation for "large companies".

Clive Schmitthoff

That has been done in the Netherlands and in Germany with respect to large private companies (GmbHs). There is no reason why the

next Companies Bill should not admit both types of board structure, the unitary and the two-tier board, and leave the choice between them to the individual company. Here again the principle of flexibl-lity and freedom of choice should prevail. In both cases the formula

2x+y, in the sense just dis-cussed, would, of course, apply. If the company opts for a uni-tary board, the formula would apply to that board, and if it adopts the two-tier structure, it would apply to the supervisory board. This optional system was introduced in France in It is quite true, as the

It is quite true, as the majority report observes (p 74), that most French companies have decided to retain the unitary system, but then France does not have employee representation on the board with voting rights, as is contemplated in the United Kingdom, and well-informed opinion in France expects a preference for the two-tier system if, contrary to the wishes of the Patronat, such system is ever introduced in France.

This suggestion is manifestly unfair to non-unionized labour. The proposed Bill should provide that in companies in which no closed shor exists, a joint representation committee (JRC) shall be constituted on which the recognized unions and non-unionized labour. The JRC shall be constituted on which the recognized unions and non-unionized labour. The proposed Bill should provide that in companies in which no closed shor exists, a joint representation committee (JRC) shall be constituted on which the recognized unions and non-unionized labour. The proposed Bill should provide that in companies in which no closed shor exists, a joint representation committee (JRC) shall be constituted on which the recognized unions and non-unionized labour in the company are proportionally representation. The proposed Bill should provide that in companies in which no closed shor exists, a joint representation committee (JRC) shall be constituted on which the recognized unions and non-unionized labour in the company are proportionally representation.

pany law. In particular, the appointment and removal of the members of the managing board will have to be transferred from the general meet-ing to the supervisory board. It is, however, desirable that, in addition to the right of the supervisory board to remove a member of the managing board, the general meeting should retain its present right to remove the members of the managing board by ordinary majority.
3. The majority report further

suggests a statutory clarifica-tion and definition of the duties and liabilities of directors. It bases its suggestions partly on recommendations of the Jenkins report which have not been given effect yet. This part of the report is non-controversial and commendable. The reform is overdue and, in the context of employee participation, neces-The majority report further

optional two-tier board system but would remove the but will require considerable monopoly.

The legislator should reject reserving of the minority

the suggestion of the minority that the qualifying period for employees to take part in the election of their represent-atives to the board should be a minimum of 10 years (p 181). That suggestion would, if accepted, disenfranchise many employees. The Bill should provide that the qualifying period shall not exceed one year.
5. The proposed Bill will

also have to contain detailed provisions on triggering the system of employee representation (p 113). Here the majority report correctly suggests that that system should only be introduced by a comonly be introduced by a com-pany if the employees of that company so desire.

6. In addition to the points discussed here, the proposed Bill will have to deal with many other complex questions,

such as the treatment of groups of companies, holding companies and foreign multinational enterprises. Some of the suggestions of the majority are employee directors and coopted directors shall have ular the proposal that the definition of a subsidiary should to the same liabilities as share holder directors. That shall, in particular, apply to the duty of confidentiality and the prohibition of insider trading.

Further, the suggestions of the majority are highly questionable, in particular that the definition of a subsidiary should include an additional requirement, namely that the board of document, known as "instrument of control", acknowledges that the definition of a subsidiary should be subsidiary shall execute a document, known as "instrument of control", acknowledges hibition of insider trading.

Further, the suggestions of the majority report on reporting back are unexceptionable. They will not require statutory regulation but here the practice will evolve the right balance between what can be reported back and when must remain confidential in the best interest of the company.

ment of control is demanded.

ment of control by the holding company (p 140). That suggestion is admittedly inspired by the contract of control by the holding company (p 140). That suggestion is admittedly inspired by the control by the holding company (p 140). That suggestion is admittedly inspired by the control by the holding company (p 140). That suggestion is admittedly inspired by the contract of control by the holding company (p 140). That suggestion is admittedly inspired by the contract of control by the holding company (p 140). That suggestion is admittedly inspired by the contract of control by the suggestion is admittedly inspired by the contract of control by the suggestion is admittedly inspired by the contract of control by the contract of control by the suggestion is admittedly inspired by the contract of control by the c 4. The Proposed Bill will have to establish the general framework for the appointment of the amployee directors. Here the majority proposes that the law should merely lay on the recognized trade union in the participation in the administra-

company the responsibility to devise whatever method of Great Britain. It has been reselection seems most appropriate (p 118).

This suggestion is manifestly unfair to non-unionized labour.

The proposed Bill should prosubject to the constraints of time. It should be realized that these constraints are not only imposed by the limitations of imposed by the limitations of parliamentary time but also by the need to have a full public debate of all aspects of the Bullock report. When we proceed to legislation, we must get it right!

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Business Diary: FMF's Coffin • Sir Derek's new seam

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The arrival of a senior civil servant from the consumer protection ministry may help the federation to woo active consumerists and break down their suspicion of industry. Coffin should be a formidable counterweight to the lobbying power of the farming unions, at the manufacat a time when the manufac-turers are disputing the farmers' demand for higher

One of his first tasks in the new job will be to meet his present boss, Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, to discuss the shape of price con-trols after the present code

Peacework

ffin: the politics of the National Coal Board, was in Stakhanovite mood when he delivered the latest of the lunchtime talks on patriotism at the City Corporation. f Food and has Church of St Lawrence Jewry

through the Trade and Inome an under3 Department of insumer Protection of the Fair n. His successor in the boardroom or the mine as well as on the bartlefield.

Patriousm, be said, was more readily expressed in time of war than of peace, but there was room nonetheless for feats of valour in the boardroom or the mine as well as on the bartlefield.

There was a patriotism. expressed in devotion to where expressed in devotion to where one lived or worked, that unified where patriotism based on nationalism divided.

But what, Business Diary asked him, if this local or workplace loyalty conflicts with wider allegiances?

Take, for example, the people living in and loyal to the Vale of Belvoir who do not want the NCB to mine the coal

want the NCB to mine the coal discovered there, coal the country needed?
Secondly, what if the way to those "feats of valour" at the coal face lay through the productivity agreements which the NCB—and some miners—want, but which some of the NUM executive see as setting man against man?

against man?

Sir Derek, too sid a hand to be easily drawn, said he recognized the conflict in the Vale of Belvoir between what was "industrially desirable and environmentally preferable" but was happy to leave the matter to "straightforward democratic procedures".

On productivity, he said he thought there would probably be a peaceful settlement since

be a peaceful settlement since the miners' "terrific loyalty" to NUM executive recommento NUM executive recommendations was being balanced by a feeling that more power should be given to the pits.

Incidentally, he also said that although he saw participation was a way of building the new patriotism, he thought involvement should start on the shop floor and not as the Bullock majority recommend, in ock majority recommend, in the boardroom.



Leyland Cars' John Neill: ambition fulfilled. Catch 'em young

Leyland Cars have just appointed their youngest managing director, so far. John Neill, 29-year-old graduate of the University of Strathclyde, is the new chief executive of the company's huge parts division. With a turnover approaching £200m a year, and a very profitable record, it has a key role to play in the re-

a key role to play in the reorganization of the state-coutrolled motor group.

Neill, who replaces John
Symonds—promoted to the
post of production director of small and medium cars-does not fit into the general pattern of the new professional managers being recruited by Leyland for big wages. While theirs is a simple case of moving for more money and better Securities over £700,000 which | 112 | 67, he was fulfilling a Dixon says it is owed.

boyhood ambition when he joined Leyland from the American-owned AC-Delco just over two years ago.
Last night he told Business
Diary: "I have wanted to
work for British Leyland as long as I can remember. I like their cars, and I like the idea of working for the British car

of working for the British car company."

Neill undoubtedly owes his rapid promotion to his skill in introducing Unipart retail shops. In less than two years they have spread throughout Leyland's dealer network and later this month he will open the 400th Unipart shop.

He is now wrestling with more mundane problems. For two months the big Cowley parts warehouse which handles spares for most of Leyland's popular priced cars, has been

spares for most of Leyland's popular priced cars, has been beset by strikes. The latest involves 56 parts selectors and has shut it for the past 11 days. The result is that young Neill is having to cope with angry 'phone calls and letters from Leyland car owners whose vehicles are off the road.

For some the lure of the City

is irresistible. Malcolm Hors-man, the former Slater lieutenant who resigned as chief executive of Bowater Corporation a year ago to devote his time to "academic pursuits", is back again. He's bought a 16.35 per cent stake in David Dixon, a Leeds textile group which has for some time been in dispute with Bank Bridge

Dobson Park Industries

"Negligible gearing and considerable borrowing capabilities provide the ability to plan for real growth over the next few years"

C. F. Ward, Chairman



FINANCIAL RESULTS Group pre-tax profits for the past year amounted to £9,084,000 representing an increase of 13% compared with the previous year. Group sales at £80,744,000 were 14% more than the

Our investment in plant and buildings last year amounted to £3,639,000 and was comfortably financed from our own resources. We are budgeting for a similar size investment in the present financial year.

Negligible gearing and considerable borrowing capabilities gives us the ability to plan for real growth over the next few years.

CORPORATE OBJECTIVES AND AIMS
The board have given deep consider-

ation to the future developments of the Group and have concluded that it is essential that we should have a broader operational base as well as developing the natural growth arising from our existing activities. Accordingly we have redefined our objectives and aims so that we can plan for the next few

Our objectives can be summarised as follows: To achieve a continuous improvement in profitability consistent with financial stability and an acceptable return on assets employed, but within the normal restraints borne by industrial enterprises. To give a high

To bring benefit to the areas in which our operational units are located by having financially viable establish-

standard of product, service and value.

Our main corporate aims will be: To broaden the product base of our mining machinery operations in order to develop a comprehensive worldwide machinery business in both coal and other forms of mining. To increase exports and foreign earnings throughout the Group. To seek acquisitions (both home and overseas) of reasonable size which will strengthen our existing or improve our market position. Such acquisitions will be in areas which will not depart from the Group's present type of business of mining and special-

ised engineering.

The Group has the financial strength to back these corporate plans and positive steps have been taken towards achieving our objectives.

A Mining and Specialised Engineering Group LONDON-NOTTINGHAM WIGAN

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DECCA LIMITED

INTERIM REPORT

Half year to 30th September, 1976

The profits of the Group for the half year to 30th September 1976, based on unaudited accounts, are set out below compared with the corresponding period of 1975 and the year

1975/76.	rome borre	2 02 2070 0	LL LL JU
	Six months to 30th Sept 1976 £'090	Six months to 30th Sept 1975 £'000	Year to 31st March 1976 £'000
GROUP TURNOVER— Consumer Goods Capital Goods	35,900 49,400	39,000 39,300	81,800 88,200
TOTAL	85,300	78,300	170,000
-TRADING PROFIT before charging Depreciation			24 424
Interest and Taxation Less Depreciation and		9,174	21,131
. Amortisation	2,870	2,509	4,901
PROFIT BEFORE IN TEREST AND TAXA		•	
TION	6, 946	6, 6 65	16,230
(net)	1,447	1,226	2,635
PROFIT BEFORE TAXA- TION Provision for taxation	5,499	5,439 2,875	13,595 7,490
PROFIT AFTER TAXA- TION	2,399	2,564	6,105
Shareholders in Sub- sidiaries	395	200	512
Special items—net effect of changes in foreign		2,364	5,593
exchange rates on net current assets	7	36	(226)
Sea dry wells	_	_	(4)
closures		(130)	(228)
NET PROFIT ATTRIBU- TABLE TO DECCA LTD Comparative figures for profit before interest	2,011	<u>2,270</u>	5,135
and taxation are: Consumer Goods Capital Goods	750 6,196 6,946	2,043 4,622 6,665	5,769 10,461 16,230

Turnover and profits from capital goods increased substantially compared with the corresponding period of last year. Profits from consumer goods were lower because of reduced TV sales and lower profitability from records. Profits for the six months do not include the group's share of the results of associated companies.

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of 3p per share (last year 2.7p) on the Ordinary and "A" Ordinary shares, each of 25p, to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 31st March 1977, payable on 29th April 1977, absorbing £564,290 (last year £507,861). The increased payment is intended to reduce the disparity between the interim and the final dividend.

Group pre-tax profits for the year to 31st March 1977 may be lower than for the previous year, mainly because of reduced profits from records and exceptional charges expected from an impending reorganisation of the U.S. redar company Colour TV is currently showing a modest surplus while the capital goods sector continues its growth in turnover and profits.

Sth February, 1977

BAGGERIDGE BRICK COMPANY LIMITED

The Thirty-third Annual General Meeting of Baggeridge Brick Company Limited was held on 8th February at the Midland man, The Hon. P. A. Ward, circulated with the Report and Accounts.

INCREASED PROFIT AND DIVIDEND

The profit before tax for the year ended 30th September, 1976 amounted to £303,176 compared with £230,102 for the previous year. After tax the profit was £144,520 compared to £107,961.

. The Directors recommend the maximum dividend permitted of 8.3614%, which is an increase of 10% as compared with a rise in the retail index prices of 20%.

DEVELOPMENT AND MODERNISATION CONTINUES

Throughout the year the sale of bricks from all works was most satisfactory. Our development programme enabled our sales prices to remain competitive and in particular excellent results were achieved at the flartlebury works following the building of

This policy of modernisation is being actively continued. At Baggeridge an old kiln is being replaced by a battery of new, all of which have been designed to produce more economically the high quality engineering bricks for which the Company is

THE FUTURE

The economic crisis which is crippling this country is certain to affect building activity adversely in the coming year. Any advantage realised from our improvement schemes is bound to be offset by the expected slackening in demand for bricks coupled with alarming increases in fuel costs. Nevertheless every effort will be made by the Company to at least maintain its profit level.

On your behalf I express with gratitude our special thanks to all employed in the Company for their contribution to the greatly improved results achieved in the past year.

The Report and Accounts were adopted,

HOLDINGSLIMITED

Business: Plant Hire Specialists INTERIM STATEMENT HALF YEAR TO 30th SEPTEMBER

•	£	E
Group Turnover	3,082,627	2,825,959
Unaudited Profit before Taxation Corporation Tax 52%	864,959 449,779	913,587 475,066
Group Profit after Tax	415,180	438,521
Cost of Dividend		

128,700 (after waivers) Net 107,250 The Directors have declared an Interim Dividend of 3-575p per share which together with the Associated Tax Credit is equivalent to 5.5p per share (1975 5.5p per share). The Dividend is payable to those shareholders on the Register at the 25th February, 1977

and will be paid on the 7th March, 1977. Registered Office - Prospect Road, Starbeck, Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Pause for thought but no panic

Worries about inflation and the potential threat to the next phase of the incomes policy dominate deeptimear in equities and kept investors on the sidelines. But falling interest rates helped gilts to make modest progress.

States selling and ahead of fig. British Home 4p to 154p and Debenhams 2p to 73p, were left in lower ground.

FMC proved to be a weak spot, losing 5p to 70p, while 4p to 346p were others in representations and Tube Investments is progress.

modest progress.

With little support the FT Index was 6.6 lower by 11 am and, in spite of a minor rally in mid-afternoon, closed 5.2

dow to 392.3. The market was in no mood to react strongly to a cautious, but generally optimistic survey of industrial trends from the CBI and most interest centred on results from Imperial Group

and Decca, The former produced figures much in line with expectations

Having climbed from 8p to 14p on Monday amid bid talk, secondary bank Corinthian Holdings eased 1p yesterday.

night selling on Wall Street and
The company claims no knowsumped 18p to 912p. Shell 8p The company claims no know-ledge for the rise. Last year, Eagil Trust is believed to have been interested but was re-buffed. It denied any interest yesterday. One stake in Corin-thian of 37½ per cent held by the liquidated CIT Investments did little for was placed, partly last year and partly last month. But apart from the Charles Wolfson Charitable Trust, now with 29.9 per cent, there was no single big buyer.

and the shares shaded firmer at 750, but Decca's profits warning clipped 5p to 250p from the "A" shares. Long-dated gilts held steady after recovering early falls of around five-eighths, while "shorts" were generally just a fraction harder by the close. Tax considerations helped the

performances from ICI, un-changed at 345p, and Courtaulds which closed just a point down at 103p.

In electricals, doubts raised by the Milgo offer left Racal 2p lower at 273p, GEC eased 3p to 189p against the background of cash aid for the Meriden cooperative, while International Computers were lowered 7p to 185p. EMI closed 4p off at 221p. The long-awaited quarterly figures from De La Rue ful-

filled most expectations and the shares shot up 25p to 285p. But the result did little for other paper shares, Bowater 3p lower at 187p being typical. In oils. BP was hit by over-

issue talk, lost another 4p to 131p. Duple International, where the chairman says a decision on a rights will be raken soon, were unmoved at

In the financial sector, banks had a generally weak day with Lloyds off 8p to 200p, National Westminster 5p to 220p, Mid-land 4p to 263p and Barclays 2p to 250p. The discount houses continued to react to adverse comment, notably Union, off

Latest dividends

Late	or mi	7144
Company	Ord	Year
(and par value)	div	ago
Crest Nicholson (10p) Fin	2.25	1.64
Decca (25p) int	3.0*	2.7
Dowly Group (50p) Int	1.98	1.8+
Drayton Inv (25p) Fin	4.6	4.0
Glass & Metal (10p) Fin	2.75	2.5
Hawthorn, Leslie Fin	1911	1.5
Imperial Group (25p) Fin	3.31	2.85
Mann & Overton (25p) Fin	2.38	2.17
Meat Trade (25p) Int	3.25	3.5
J. Saville Grodon (10p) Int	0.4	0.35+
Steinberg Gp (10p) Int	0.32	0.32
Stewart Plastics (25p) Int	1.0	2.51
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Treasury 3 per cent, 1979, to rise £1; to £90;.

Among the blue chips here in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.54 * Payment increased to reduce disparity between payments. † Adjusted for scrip.

10p to 305p, and Alexanders 5p to 215p. Other shares well down were Schroders 10p to 300p. Guinness Peat 5p to 153p and Hambros 5p to 165p.

In insurances, Hambro Life night selling on Wall Street and sumped 18p to 912p. Shell 8p to 512p and Ultramar 5p to 153p were also in reverse, but Tricentrol put up a token resistance to the trend with a rise Sluggish retail sales figures did little for stores issues at the outset. Most rallied but W H Smith "A" 4p to 350p,

Company (and par value)	Ord	Year
		ago
Crest Nicholson (10p) Fin	2.25	1.64
Decca (25p) Int	3.0*	2.7
Dowty Group (50p) Int	1.98	1.8+
Drayton Inv (25p) Fin	4.6	4.0
Glass & Metal (10p) Fin	2.75	2.5
Hawthorn, Leslie Fin	1913	1.5
Imperial Group (25p) Fin	3.31	2.85
Mann & Overton (25p) Fin	2.38	2.17
Meat Trade (25p) Int	3.25	3.5
J. Saville Grodon (10p) Int	0.4	0.35+
Steinberg Gp (10p) Int	0.31	0.32
Stewart Plastics (25p) Int	1.0	2.51
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modest gains to gold shares. Faring better than most were West Driefontein, up 50p to £14.25 and Western Holdings 75p to £11.75. Golden Rope were at a firm 80p after the

lapsing of the Genting offer. In after-hour trading, movements were narrowly mixed. Some industrial leaders edged

The market suspects that control of pharmaceutical group, Willows Francis will soon change hands. The word is that Churjirsten, a Swiss company with more than 30 per cent of the equity, will soon offer terms. Mr A. J. Cornforth, chairman, is also a director of Churfirsten. But no Willows director was available for comment last night. The shares rose 5p to 63p, up 11p in two

change after news of the new

Crest Nicholson over £1m and ready to expand

In its best year since 1973 smelter in Tasmania, and from the pre-tax profits were a its half share at the Bluff modity prices fluctuated dramapushed them up 25 per cent to Aluminium output in the final quarter of 1976 rose 19.5 per cent to 42,049 tonnes.

In its best year since 1973 smelter in Tasmania, and from first half-year, metal and commodity prices fluctuated dramatically, and sterling remained under pressure. So market conditions for the metal trading and processing companies were extremely difficult."

The engineers' merchants and

cant to £24m.

Mr D. L. Donne, chairmen, says that in mixed trading, the property interests did excellently. Their profits more than doubled to £700,000.

Exprince a store went up Earnings a shere went up from 2.94p to 5.08p, and the dividend is 4.59p against 3.49p

The chairmen adds that better turnover and profits came from the industrial side, but a recovery in leisure has yet to

appear in profits.

Crest now has no borrowings, against £4.5m two years ago. Its strong liquid position and confidence gives the group "a great chance to expand", Mr Donne says.

Strength to strength at Noble Grossart

A bumper profit was made Loss making Hawthorn by Noble Grossert in the year to January 1, 1977; and Mr Angus Grossert, managing director, sees every reason for confidence.

Pre-tax profits of this Edinburgh-based private banking group rose from £730,500 to £885,000. In September Mr Grossart said that profits would comfortably in excess " of He ad is that benefits of the

early commitment to oil and gas brings increasing benefits every vear. Baking, investmet inancing and corporate finance also did better. Sir Hugh Fraser resigned as

a director in November, after his 12; per cent stake was placed with institutions.

Comalco has strong final quarter

Sydney.—Production of bauxite and primary aluminium at Australia's Comalco rose strongly in the final quarter of 1976 from a year earlier.

Comalco said that total bauxite output last year rose 100,201 tonnes from a year ago to 9.64m tonnes.

to 9.64m tonnes. Bauxite production in the final quarter was 47.7 per cent higher than in the same months of 1975. It rose from 1.7m tonnes to 2.5m.

Overseas shipments of bauxite dropped slightly to 9,059,324 tonnes in 1976 from

9.1m a year earlier.

Comalco added that its primary aluminium output rose from 137,544 tonnes in 1975 to 160,498 last year at its

Stewart Plastics starts well

Stewart Plastics continues to go from strength to strength. Last year's 10 per cent rise to record pre-tax profits of £1.21m pales before a 38 per cent increase to £709,000 in the six

months to October 31.
This first-half record reflected a turnover gain of 37 per cent to £2.56m.
It also included £3,000 from

the sale of assets and £113,500, against £80,000, of interest The board has reverted to a policy of paying both interim and final dividends. So share-

holders will receive an interim of 1.54p gross, against a single

Turnover rose usefully from 53.26m to 54.23m in the year to June 30, last, at R. and W. Hawthorn, Leslie, the shipbuilder and engineer. But so did the pre-tax loss. This swelled from £252,000 to £271,000. Even more ominously, there is no dividend against

misses dividend

2.31p gross last time. Hawthorn did make a trading profit of £170,000, but it was a shadow of the £308,000 of the year before. This time round, the provision for possible losses on work in progress fell from £314,000 to only £8,000, but development spending jumped from £241,000 to £454,000.

Tough trading no bar to Saville Gordon

Tough markets did not stop the pre-tax profits of J. Saville Gordon Group, the Birminghambased metal and engineers' merchants, from improving by 16 per cent to £451,836 in the first half-year to October 31, 1976. Turnover rose by 32 per cent to £125 im

tent to £12.51m.

The gross interim dividend duly rises from 0.53p (adjusted) to 0.61p. Last year's total was

to 0.61p. Last year's total was 2.01p and it was paid after record pre-tax profits of E867,884.

In his annual statement in September, Mr J. D. Saville, chairman, said that he was confident that, given reasonable conditions group profits would conditions, group profits would once again be improved. Now, he says that during the

"extremely difficult".

The engineers' merchants and steel stockholding companies also experienced tough times. They traded against a background of industry working well below capacity and govern-ment restrictions on capital

Dobson Park in good trim

Mining machinery and engineering group Dobson Park In-dustries, which put up pre-tax profits 13 per cent to 59.08m in share-dealing profits and the the year to October 2 against a background of recession and sterling crises, faces another of the mining assets of Otjihase.

Challenging year.

But Mr C. F. Ward, the incoming chairman, believes that first-half's results will be the group now has the structure repeated in the second half. and management to cope with expansion. Much depends on the expected upturn in the economy and the impact of public expenditure curbs. Meanwhile demand for home

mining machinery is not so good. The associated company in Germany is also finding business tough,

On the other hand world-wide prospects for increased coal production offer opportunities for exports of mining machinery. Overseas demand for other products, particularly the Kango hammer and Petite typewriter, is also "very encouraging".

Meat Trade Suppliers

Meat Trade Suppliers ended the half-year to September 30 virtually where it began. Turn-over was £4.46m, against £4.27m, and pre-tax profits were £201,000, against £202,000.

The gross interim payment drops from 5.38p to 5p, but the board states that this does not necessarily indicate that the year's total will be less than that for the year before. The group covers meat and allied

Local authorities

The interest rate on this week's issue of local authority bonds has slipped from 12 per cent to 117 per cent. The biggest borrower is Glasgow with £2m, while Cleveland, Sunderland and Waveney are raising £1m apiece.

M & S export aim Marks & Spencer is aiming for exports of £100m a year

Mears' prospects bright

Civil engineering and build-ing group Mears Bros, which turned in record taxable profits of £917,000 in the year to lie ahead.
end-September, believes it is On 1975-76, he says that
now stronger than ever before. despite inflation, increased man, writes that the ratio of borrowings to shareholders' funds has been significantly reduced over the last two years from 1.46:1 to 0.34:1.

grou phas the financial strength and ability to benefit from the challenging opportunities that

Mr A. K. L. Stephenson, chair- difficulties in obtaining work and other problems in the industry, Mears Construction achieved substantially improved results, particularly in civil en-gineering. Meanwhile work in Continued expansion over-hand for the year ahead in both seas will call for increased in-the civil engineering and build-vestment, he adds, but the ing divisions is at a good level. hand for the year ahead in both

Bank statements

Statements of the London Clearing Banks and their banking subsidiaries in England and Wales, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man made up to January 19 are summarized in the table below:

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Alcan (UK) in £16m rebound from red

A turnround from a loss of £5.9m to a pre-tax profit of £10m is reported by Alcan Aluminium (UK) for 1976. This is after provision for a possible exchange loss of £2.2m compared with £1.3m. With a recovery in demand for aluminium, the directors say that that past year has been one of gradual progressive improvement after the deep recession of 1975.

Turnover in 1976 was up 43 per cent to £227m and sales volume increased 22 per cent. Direct exports from Britain Costs rose rapidly during the year from inflation and the

mpact of devaluation on the cost of imported materials. The return to profitability was achieved, the directors add, by a combination of increased volume and a "moddest" improvement in margins. Mean-while 1977 has started with a good order-book at home and steadily improving export

ahead and Racal showed little E5.3m last time and total sales were 38 per cent better at

The breakthrough stemmed lar are still proving largely form the banknote and security pirnting division which helped to hoist export sales 59 per cent to £16.3m. De La Rue does not give details of individual contracts but it is thought that this division is cur-

offer for Milgo. Banks and insurance gained ground, but oils eased further.

Royco's sale of its 410,000 shares in Lampa Securities could tip the scales in favour of its maintaining its dividend this year for a prospective yield, at 18p, of 17 per cent. The £150,000 profit Royco will show on the deal should lift the dividend cover to a more acceptable level Royco closed at 18p, down ip.

Equity turnover on February 7 was 561.29m (16,188 bargains). Active stocks vesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Shell, ICI, BAT Dfd, BP, Burmah, BAT Ind, Rank, P & O, Lonrho, Imperial Group, GKN. GEC, Beecham, Distillers, Gus "A". Racal, Serck, Lucas, Booker Bros, Tecalemir and De

export director, said that exports in 1976 were £24m and

the target for this year is £40m. To mark its contribution

to the United Kingdom's exports, M & S will be putting

on displays throughout the

country to mark its part in Export Year.

Reporting pre-tax profits down from R18.02m to R16.35m

for the half year to December

31. Johannesburg Consolidated

Investment Trust (" Johnnies")

explains that higher receipts of

share-dealing profits and the

first provision for amortisation

The board also says that it

repeated in the second half.

Pre-tax profits for the year to

June, 1976, were R36.98m. An

unchanged 40 cents a share

dividend was declared in

The directors of Cattle's Hold-

ings, fighting to stave off an

unwelcome bid from the Provi-

dent Financial Group, will be

sending out their formal rejec-

tion of Provident's 32p a share

Mr Roy Waudby, chairman aid: "Our feeling is that in its

present form, Provident's offer

is a non-starter. And we are sure shareholders will agree when they see our document."

Cattle's-Provident

January,

offer today.

Half-time slide

at Johnnies

with a pre-tax profit 17 per cent up at £490,000. Turnover rose 59 per cent to £7.2m pointing to a fall in margins from 9.23 per cent to 6.76 per cent. The board of this machinery and power plant maker says that turnover is influenced by delivery dates of individual contracts.

Genting, however, it to decide what to do: 22 per cent holding it a ciates have in Golde

Firm indications at end of half-v

26 week period ended 30th Oct. 1976 25th Oc 25,798,000

Consolidated trading profit before taxation (Note 1) Taxation (Note 2)

Consolidated profit after taxation

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1) The consolidated trailing profit before taxation is after charging depreciation of a (1975 £152,000).

1) The provision for taxation has been calculated at 52 % on the trailing profit for the adjusted for taxation purposes.

"The results for the first 26 weeks are slightly less than th corresponding period last year, due principally to a redu . . orders from the N.C.B. in the first 13 weeks, which also c the summer holidays. The second 13 weeks recovered to record turnover which continues at that level with a firm record turnover which continues at that level was indication of a further advance on new designed product [2] SOO IS Your Directors are continuing for the time being the pol: paying a final dividend only."

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Extracts from Chairman's Statement and Annual Report

£916,000 profit before tax considerably exceeds anything previously achieved by the company.

* Mears Construction Ltd has achieved substantially improved results. Work in hand for 1977 at a satisfactory level and recent contract awards will lay foundation for continuity of work over next 2-3

Ltd., continue to grow at substantial rate. All divisions trading at high level **★** In the Middle East A. Long International has doubled profits in the last year. Confidence that increased

* Turnover and profits of A. Long & Co.

* Mears International currently tendering for major contracts in Iraq and lower Gulf area, Expected that award of contracts in near future will compensate for any reduction in U.K.

construction activity.

investment in management and

facilities will be well rewarded.

* Hope that Mears Developments Ltd will be able shortly to announce award of overseas contracts for their pre-fabricated housing systems.

🗱 Group is well managed and, as Balance Sheet shows, has financial strength and ability to take advantage of challenging and rewarding opportunities.

Salient figures:

Group profit before tax and extraordinary item Group profit after tax before extraordinary items Surplus enrevaluation of property less provision for taxation Surplus on disposal of M.B. Dredging Co. Ltd. Interim Dividend

Group turnover

Proposed Dividend Farnings per share based on group profibation tar, before extraordinary items

Shareholders funds Deferred taxation Loans and other finance Bank overdrafts Fixed assets:

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Mears Bros. Holdings Limited

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De La Rue's wallet full of banknotes

By Richard Allen The shares in De La Rue, Formica subsidiary the banknote printer, leapt showed signs of recover; ahead on news of third quarter first quarter is still havis profits more than £1m above most market expectations.

In the three months to December 31, pre-tax profits of £6.35m were more than twice those of the same period the year before. Sales were 34 per cent up at Total profits for the first three

Eastern banknote order worth

culties after the relapse second three months reflected in a minorin of \$20,000 compared with debit of £204,000 for t three-quarters. The group reports that.

tions in Australia an Zealand have proved quarters were £14.76m against larly sluggish though th now signs that markets a ing up.
Europe and Spain in

After tax of £2.7m minority credit attr £1.3m for the three mon £6.4m against £2.2m three quarters. Earr shae for the nine mont rently benefiting from one Far 37p against 14.1p after Eastern banknote order worth ment for the rights is

Mann & Overton surpris with 74pc profit leap

The climbing shares in Mana which recently raised & Overton got further support yesterday when the London taxiyesterday when the London taxicab specialist turned in betterthan-expected results for the
year to October 31.

News of a 74 per cent jump
to a pre-tax profit of £927,000
added 5p to the shares bringing
them to 78p, a 13p rise in a
week.

from 18 to 21 per cent
Turnover for the year
per cent to £6.4m. Ne
and the dividend mov
4.78p to 5.26p gross, if
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In July, the board for
significant improvem.

Part of the interest in the group centres on the relation-ship with Winn Industries,

Margins dip at

P. Brotherhood With tehe order book showing signs of improvement, Peter Brotherhood has, finished the a six months to September 30

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E La Rue ANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

OW Glass & Metal ascends its fourth peak in a row intend to director, reponsible earnings in the company's his mum allowed under, present share's of £1 of Majuli, who issued share capital consists for the year legislation. They have also issued share capital consists 350,000 ordinary shares of

expected at half time id Metal Holdings has another record. Turn-he year to October 31, 11.45 per cent to but pre-tax profits by 21 per cent to Earnings a share went 8.1p to 10p, and the idend rises from 3.84p

the fourth peak profit from Glass and Metal, plastics and engineer-oard said in July that trading profit should satisfactory increase". the shares slipped by yesterday.

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record year, Warner ldings' chairman, Sir rner, is confident that

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g recovering is under way at the clothing group, It m pre-tax profits of losses of £140,000 in

September 25, it made profits before tax of £102,000. Those went against only £15,000 in the first half of the year before.

Turnover went up from £7.48m to £9.11m. Bur shareholders will get an unchanged gross interim dividend of 0.49p.

Cash call decision coming from Duple

Mr Gordon Hay, chairman, told the annual meeting that the coachbuilding division of the group has a full order book for the rest of the financial year. Given a clear run, profitability should increase to the levels already budgeted.

On the engineering side the Greenbank and Muschamp subsidiaries had an order book which should ensure a profit, while the Barrow Engineering and J. B. Hyde subsidiaries should show considerable profitability. Mr Hay added that rights issue had been thoroughly discussed with the group's advisors and he hoped a decision would be reached within the next two or three weeks.

next two or three weeks. Subsequently the board should be in a position to make a more definitive announcement "in about two months'

Booker McConnell

Now that Booker McConnell as bought Kinloch (Provision has bought Kinloch (Provision Merchants), the retail business of Kinloch—Murdoch Norton and Rusts—is to operate as part of Booker McConnell's retail food business. This is Booker Belmont Retail, whose chief executive is Mr G. R. Green. Mr J. A. Emeny, at present managing director of Murdoch Norton and Rusts, becomes

Belhaven real ale booster

A 50 per cent increase in production capacity is planned by real ale producer Belhaven Brewery to lift its potential to 15 million pints annually by 1979. Sales at the brewery, near Ediphysish were by 42 per cent Edinburgh, rose by 43 per cent in 1976 against a national aver-age increase in sales for the brewing industry of only 1.65 per cent. Sales continue to go

well.
Finance for the expansion of what is now Scotland's only re-maining independent real ale producer will come from profits allied to the sale of low-yielding properties and the conver-sion of existing short-term loans into medium-term finance.

The expansion marks the final phase in the reorganization of the activities of its parent company CCH Investments.

Aluminium Corp

Last year, Aluminium Corporation's sales grew from £5.23m to £6.68m, but pre-tax profits bounded from £38,000 to £706,000. The gross dividend goes up from 4.53p to 4.99p.
Aluminium Corporation is controlled by British Aluminium, which recently made an offer for the minorium. offer for the minority.

Gulf Oil improves

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Earnings of Gulf Oil Corporation on an unaudited basis rose by 16.6 per cent during 1976 to \$816m (£476m) or \$4.19 per share, representing the second highest

A thousand

Singer memo

on C'Anstalt

Singer & Friedlander has sent a memorandum to 1,100 banks around the world in an

attempt to explain the case it has been pursuing through the courts against Creditanstalt-Bankverein, Austria's biggest The dispute revolves around

non payment of \$20.7m by Creditanstalt under the terms of three letters of credit held by a banking consortium led by

The issue is regarded as of fundamental importance to the future conduct of trade financ-

ing through letters of credit, and is seen as a vital test case.
Singer says that its memorandum is being sent out partly

in response to one put out last year by Creditanstalt, and

partly because new evidence has been disclosed in the

course of court proceedings in

both the main reasons for Creditanstalt's decision not to

pay up. Creditanstalt is unlikely to

accept the memorandum with out response. Dr Otto Finster

walder, of the bank's inter-national operations, said last night that the bank was con-sidering whether to send a reply to those banks closest to

He said that the previous memorandum had been sent in

response to one from Moscow Narodny Bank, a member of

He criticized the Singer document on a number of points of fact. He disputed Singer's claim that an Austrian court had dismissed an action

by Creditanetalt, contending that it only involved a question

of reference to another court.

Singer

the Singer consortium.

The memorandum disputes

banks get

By Christopher Wilkins

earnings in the company's his-tory. Revenue for the year increased 15 per cent to a record \$18,440m.

Anglo-African Finance In the half-year to July 19, 1976, pre-tax profits of Anglo-African Finance Co reached £148,000, compared with £237,000 for the previous year.

Anglo-African has increased its holdings in Dent Fownes by purchases in the market and now owns 44.5 per cent of the equity.

The Textile Investment Co,

The Textile Investment Co, in which Anglo-African has a substantial interest, also owns 26.98 per cent. The board of Dent Fownes have forecast an interim dividend in May, 1977, and will recommend a final dividend in January, 1978, or thereabouts, totalling 8.4 per cent, net, for year, the maximum control of the control

change the name of the com-pany to Dewhurst and Dent. The Anglo-African board is extending the next accounting period to July 19, 1977, in line with Dent Fownes' year-end.

Romai Tea and

Majuli Tea to merge Romai Tea Holdings and Majuli Tea Holdings have reached agreement on terms for a merger, to be implemented by Romai making an offer to acquire the whole of the issued share capital of Majuli (other than the shares which it already orward on the following basis: owns) on the following basis: for every 10 ordinary shares of £1 of Majuli, seven shares of £1 of Romai.

issued share capital consists of 350,000 ordinary shares of £1

Jaycee Furniture

Largest United Kingdom Largest United Kingdom period-style furniture maker and exporter Jaycee Furniture, Brighton, had a record turnover of £6.57m (up 10 per cent on 1975) and pre-tax profits of £561,603 for the year ended September 30, 1976. These were 17 per cent up. Exports in-creased by 6.7 per cent to £3.67m. The chairman and managing director, Dr Clive Cohen, regards the figures as particularly good in view of both sterling devaluation, which increased his imported raw materials costs, and sluggish demand from most markets during the first eight months of Romai holds 32,500 ordinary

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DEBENTURES OF \$1,000 EACH

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3F, the electronics Thomson-Brandt s both parent and rurnover for 1976 about 20 per cent 0m, 5,300m francs

Overseas

ramme suffered a for 1975. Consolidated turnover 3m against one of (excluding telephone switch-(excluding telephone switch-gear sales) totalled about 6,200m francs, compared with 5,300m, an increase of 17 per 11 year the group 6,200m francs, compared 6,200m, an increase of 17 per cent.

1975. As a result cent.

The group said that its industrial investment amounted to

270m francs in 1976. Financial investment came to 580m francs. thanks chiefly to Thomson's acquisition of a 50.2 per cent stake in the capital of Le Materiel Telephonique.—AP-

Record final quarter income taxes were ipared with \$241.1m. at General Motors

Thanks chiefly to higher volume and changes in product mix General Motors' fourth

sales and earnings. Other factors improved efficiency in all areas, says Mr Thomas Murphy, chair man. Earnings a share in the quarter rose fom \$2.14 to \$2.77 and net profits from \$618m to \$797m on sales up from \$10,500m to \$13,100m.

For the full year earnings a share were \$10.08 against \$4.32

and net profit \$2,900m com-pared with \$1,300m on sales up from \$35,700m to \$47,200m.

Korea seeks \$50m

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public subscription on February 16-22 a 5.5 per cent 15-year bond Issue of 50 million Swiss francs, Union Bank of Switzer-land, which is leading the underwriting consortium, dis-

the net proceeds of the issue will be added to the develop-ment fund of the Republic of 310m seven year Singapore. ying a similar

Zurich.-The Republic

Singapore planning

The price of issue will be published on February 16 and

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New Zealand in 75m florin placing

Amsterdam.—New Zealand plans a private placing of 8 per cent six year Euroflorin notes to a maximum of 75m florins, priced at 991 per cent.

It will be handled by a syndi-cate headed by Amsterdam-Rotterdam Bank NV, S. G. War-burg Co Ltd, Commerzbank AG, as well as Algemene Bank Nederland NV, Bank Mees en Hope, and Pierson Heldring en Pierson NV, Amrobank said.

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Mr W. R. C. Elliott, chairman of Bass Export.

chairman of Bass Export, a new company formed by Bass Char-rington. Mr John Turner is to be managing director and Mr D. I. MacLeod financial director. Mr M. B. Hazell has become managing director of Sterling Hydraulics and Sterling Dynamics.

Mr Elwin Smith has been appointed president of Amax Iron Ore Corporation. He succeeds Mr J. Dexter Walcott. Mr J. D. Windrow, Mr Paul A. Cohen, Mr Ronald Geesey, Mr Roger Baum and Mr Peter Munson, have been made director of

Citibank Financial Trust. Mr Fred Smith has been appointed managing director of Balteau Sonatest, succeeding Mr William

Henderson, who has redred but remains a director. Mr N. Jones joins the board of Stanneylands Group. Mr S. H. Noar has resigned.

Mr P. E. Beekman has been appointed a director and elected president and a member of the executive committee of Seagram. Mr G. T. Cantlay has been appointed chairman of United Capitals threstment Trust in suc-cession to the late Lord Brecon. Mr Bernard Cryseli has joined Project Pilots as managing direc-

Mr T. H. James has joined the boards of Wigham Poland Inter-national and Wigham Poland North America. He will be chief execu-tive of Wigham Poland North

Mr John Warson has become chairman of Cristic Electronics. Mr E. G. Libby succeeds Mr V. S. Hersham as chairman of RKT Textiles. Mr P. R. Clayton, chairman and managing director of Guy Butler (International), has been elected chairman of the Foreign Exchange

and Currency Deposit Brokers

Hogg Robinson Services.

Association.

Mr W. A. Airey has been appointed chairman and chief exe-cutive of Weeks Associates. Mr David McClure Fisher been named director of management services and to the board of

Payment will be made upon presentation and surrender of the above Debeutures. Morgan Vonwiller S.p.A. in Milan and Rome; Bank Mees & Hope N.V. in Amsterwith coupons due March 15, 1978 and subsequent coupons attached at the main offices of any of the following: Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 15 Broad Street. New York, New York 10015: Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York in Brussels, Frankfurt am Main, London, Paris and Zurich; Banca Dated: February 9, 1977

dam; and Krediethank S.A. Luxembourgeoise in Luxembourg. Coupons due March 15, 1977 should be detached and collected in the usual manner. On and after March 15, 1977 interest shall cease to accrue on the Debentures selected for redemption.

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The following Debentures previously called for redemption have not as yet been presented for payment:

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Briefly ANK MERON ean Iranian investment and gran Irahan divesiment and findustrial company. Technizaz 22, has bought a 225 per cent stake in Rank Xerox (Iran). The agreement provides for direct trantan participation in the development of Rank Xerox business in Iran. No financial details

BANK LEUMI (UK) Net profit for 1976, £229,000 (£223,000).

Redman Heenan International, has bought PVH Engineering of Milton, Stoke-on-Trent, for a small, but undisclosed sum. A shial, but manacives simi. A unrover of about fim, PVH's activities include the design and manufacture of dust control, fume removal, air conditioning, ventila-tion and mechanical handling

GATEWAY SECURITIES W. Greenwell has sold for an associate of West of England Trust, 15,000 "A" ord in Gateway Secs at 64p each.

C.H. INDUSTRIALS Capel-Cure Myers has sold 10,000 shares in C.H. Industrials at 28p each for Spey Investments, an associate of C.H. Industrials.

ARMOUR TRUST Accounts to April 30, 1976, should be published within a month. At the same time, board intends publishing the unaudited results to Oct 31, 1976.

DAVID DIXON Board notified that 334,500 ord (16.35 per cent) bought for Mr Malcolm Horsman, 6 The Grove, Highgate, N6. KULIM (MALAYSIA)

Johore State Economic Development Corpn has bought further shares in Kulim (Malaysia), Berhad, bring its total direct holding to 30.15m shares (43.67 per cent). In addition, through its 40 per cent holding in Eastern Plantation Agency (Johore). Johore Corpn is interested in a further 1.55m Kulim shares (2.3 per cent). per cent).

INCO PERFERRED SHARES INCO PERFERIED SHARPS

Toronto, February 7.—Inco is arranging through Wood Gundy of Toronto to sell 10m preferred shares to a limited number of Canadian institutional investors for \$250m (US). The preferred shares will have a cumulative floating rate dividend, calculated quarterly, equal to half of the Canadian prime rate and 1; per cent. It will be retractable at the option of the holder in ten years and redeemable at the option of the company after three.

AIRFLOW-MINSTER Airflow Streamlines has been told that the interest of Minster Assets in the ordinary share capital of Airflow is now 355,000 (13.79 per cent) shares. The interest previously notified was 17.28 per cent.

Revenue (after tax) of Drayton Premier Investment Trust rose from £1.76m to £1.88m in 1976. Gross payment goes up from 8.3p to 9.24p. DRAYTON PREMIER F. & C. EUROTRUST

Pre-tax profit for half-year to December 31, £44,200 (£17,500) after interest of £18,000 (£100). McCAIRN'S MOTORS

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PETER BROTHERHOOD LIMITED INTERIM STATEMENT

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Deborah 171% CULS

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James Burrough
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Walter Alexander

Interest payable

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prices at representative marker February 8: GB: Cattle, 57.95; Kg LW (+0.36), UK: Sheep. 1 per kg est DCW (+0.9), GB: 50.2p per kg LW (-1.8), Englan Wales: Cattle numbers up 45.

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March, £89.50; April, £90.76 east Coast.

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Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

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Foreign . Exchange

Sterling and the dollar generally erased their early losses in Europe although the British currency received official support after further selling sparked by inflation worries, dealers said.

The pound closed at \$1.7160, up 0.15 cents on the day. Its "effective devaluation" was unchanged at 42.8 per cent. Eurosterling and forward sterling were steadier, after the pound's discount in dollar terms retreated sharply in early dealings reflecting the sharp spurt in the United Kingdom wholesale price index for January.

price index for January.

Pressure was diverted on to forward sterling because of the Bank of England's relatively strict intervention stance around the spot currency, dealers said.

The six-month sterling dollar discount moved up to 605 basis points at one stage, before steadying at 580 later.

The dollar's late gain was aided by profit-taking in European currencies and stability later in daytoday Eurodollar interest rates.

Gold closed at 5134.375, unchanged from yesterday.

Spot Position of Sterling

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Money pemained very short yesnerday. The houses repaid huge
loans to the Bank of England and
re-borrowed a great part of them
once again at the end of the day.
Things started rather slowly,
with interbank rates around 122
per cent, keeping money out of
reach of the houses for a time,
but rates eased to around 12 per
cent, and the houses then started
to pick up balances fairly steadily.
After the help, however, the After the help, however, the flow dried up dramatically, leaving a tight situation in which houses mostly ruled off around 11-12 per cent. while interbank soured up to 15 per cent at one stage.

Bill dealers reported quiet cou-ditions, with the rate on "hot" Treasury bills holding 113-5/32 per Treasury bills holding 113-5/36 per cent.

The bank's programme of assistance comprised exceptionally large loans at MLR overnight to 10 or 11 houses, purchases of a very large quantity of Treasury bills from banks and houses, purchases of a very small amount of local authority bills from houses alone, along with a small amount of "eligible" bank bills.

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THE OFFICE TRUST

New York, Feb 8,—Prices on the New York Stock Exchange closed mostly lower after giving up moderate early gains.
The Dow Jones industrial average was down 4.07 points to 942.24. 942.24.
Volume totalled 24.04 million shares, up from 20.70 million shares on Monday.

shares on Monday.

Analysis attributed the early gain largely to selective buying in depressed issues. They also noted some buying on a let-up in the severe winter in some areas.

But they added that the market declined under the weight of expected ill effects of the severe. pected ill effects of the severe winter on profits this summer and on consumer spending.-AP-Dow

Gold again closes lower

New York, Feb 8.—GDLD futures closed lower in active trading in a continuous of a downtrend estab-listed early in the session, NY COMEX: Feb. 5:33.10; March. Construction of a downtrend establishment of the session, NY COMEX. Feb. 5:35.10: March. 5:35.30: April. 6:155.60: June. 5:35.70: April. 6:155.60: June. 5:35.70: April. 6:155.60: June. 5:35.70: April. 6:155.70: April. 6:156.80: April. 6:155.70: April. 6:156.80: April. 6:156.70: April. 6:156.70:

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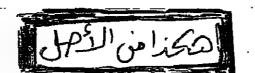
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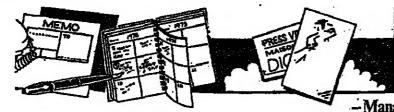
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1 Badger in a splendid scrap

11 " I — . . . the use of my oracular tongue" (Mrs Malaprop) (9).

13 Where salt in France gets the bird (5).

16 Aim, to get attention-

23 In the way of a jolly tocsin

27 Kept quiet, uncommunica-tive (9)-

28 One's nearest, but not dearest acquaintance (5). 29 What Englishmen detest, sang Coward (6).

30 Gets on with flourishes (8).

1 Changed and stripped about

2 No major roads anyhow (9).

3 The old chaps in the country (5).

three times (8).

absence can do it (6).

21 Pot (a card-game) (7).

women (9).

14 Girl is back on a shuffling

some may say (6).

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